

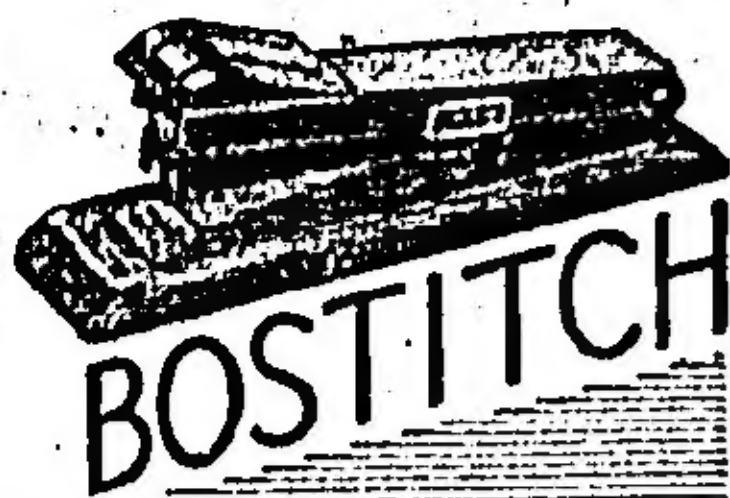
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Beaverbrook Explains His Politics

Will Support The Tories, If...

London, Jan. 12.—Lord Beaverbrook, owner of the Daily Express, which has a circulation of 4,000,000 copies, explained his politics today following a report that he was no longer a Conservative.

In an interview with Mr A. J. Cummings, the political commentator of the Liberal News Chronicle, Lord Beaverbrook was asked if he intended to give wholehearted or modified support to Mr Winston Churchill and the Conservative Party in the next general election. His reply, according to Mr Cummings, was: "That will depend upon the policy developed by Mr Churchill and the Conservative Party. If it is an Empire policy I am with them, if they fail I oppose them."

THE SAME POLITICS

Lord Beaverbrook said his politics were "what they have always been," as set forth in his 1925 book: "Politicians and the Press."

Mr Cummings quoted a passage from that book: "In the Empire and not in Europe our future lies."

The paragraph quoting Lord Beaverbrook as saying he was no longer a Conservative appeared in his own London Evening Standard last week. It declared he would not renew his subscription to the Conservative Party Association in Essex—the Parliamentary constituency which embraces his home.

The story received worldwide publicity and the Soviet newspaper, Pravda, published it, saying that Lord Beaverbrook had "constantly come out against dependence on the United States."

THE ULTIMATUM

Lord Beaverbrook told Mr Cummings that the Evening Standard statement was not issued by him but by the Conservative Central Office.

The facts were that he had contributed to the Essex fund while Sir Archibald Southby was Parliamentary candidate for the constituency. He made it clear in letters that he did not intend to contribute further if the policy of Sir Archibald's successor did not conform to his views.

Mr Cummings commented that the Evening Standard paragraph had caused widespread speculation about Lord Beaverbrook. Politicians had asked: "Is he changing direction?" Is he moving to the left? Is he going to don the cloak of liberalism, for which of late he has had many kind words?—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Wing On Fire Report

THE Wing On godown fire report is a massive document of 102 paragraphs, many of them extending to a page in length, and it represents the sum total of an inquiry marked by its devotion to detail and painstaking analysis of evidence. The public has good reason to be thankful to the members of the Commission for the studious manner in which they have carried out a monumental task, and it is assumed that Government will give to their recommendations the fullest and most sympathetic consideration. Nine recommendations are put forward, calculated to reduce as far as possible risks of a repetition of the disaster. Wing On godown fire. For the most part they appear to meet the requirements, but there is an unexpected absence of emphasis on the necessity for disallowing extra-hazardous goods being stored in buildings which are either partially used as, or connected with domestic premises. There were two disastrous aspects of the Wing On godown blaze: 1. the appalling loss of life as a result of the fire enveloping tenements situated over the godown where the blaze originated; 2. the severe loss of goods and damage to property caused by the presence in the godowns of highly inflammable and combustible materials. To safeguard lives, the Commission recommends that fire insurance companies should voluntarily agree to refuse insurance cover on extra-hazardous goods stored in buildings partially used

or connected with domestic premises. This hardly seems to cover the subject sufficiently. There should be official prohibition of dangerous goods being stored in close proximity to domestic premises, and the prohibition could very easily have been included in the recommendation that licensing plates be reintroduced. The Commission suggests that in the case of dangerous goods these licences for the storage of dangerous goods should be required to be prominently displayed in the places of storage. It might also have added that licences for storing hazardous and extra-hazardous goods should designate the type of godown in which they are permitted to be kept and that under no circumstances should they be stored in premises which are also used as living accommodation. The Commission may have felt that the recommendation that fire insurance companies should refuse to issue cover for extra-hazardous goods if they are stored on domestic premises to be a sufficient deterrent to this practice, but in the interests of public safety it would seem that a much more emphatic and official ruling should be laid down in this matter, and if the authorities decide to incorporate any such provision in the Ordinance there will be general satisfaction. There will be no quarrel with the rest of the recommendations which, if adopted, should help materially in reducing risks in the handling and storing of dangerous goods.

Mr Grimwood Welcomed



Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, (third from left) who is in charge of the Hongkong Government office in London, received a big welcome on his arrival at Kai Tak yesterday. Others in picture are (from left) Messrs Robert Der, J. J. Cowperthwaite, Shum Choy-wah, J. B. Kite, U Tat-chee and C. Y. Hsu. (Telegraph Staff Photographer).

Reported Cabinet Split Over Palestine: Bevin To Resign?

London, Jan. 12.—An unusually long sitting of the Cabinet today heightened speculation about the possibility of a Government crisis over Palestine. One newspaper report said the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, was leading a Cabinet "revolt" against the Middle East policy of the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin.

Rumours equally unconfirmed declared that Mr Bevin due to face a critical session of Parliament next week on the recent events in Palestine, was on the verge of resigning. The report of a Cabinet split ranged the Minister of Health, Mr Aneurin Bevan and the Deputy Premier, Mr Herbert Morrison, with Sir Stafford Cripps against Mr Bevin, the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and the Defence Minister Mr A. V. Alexander.

BEVIN TO HOLD ON

The Evening News declared tonight that the Foreign Secretary was determined not to resign and would "grimly" follow the line he has chosen in the Palestine crisis. This paper spoke of "something like a turmoil" at the Foreign Office over the decision not to raise before the Security Council the shooting down of Royal Air Force planes by Israeli fighters.

It declared Mr Bevin's health was holding out well under the strain of what must be the most harassing week since he became Foreign Secretary.

Fraser Wightton, Reuter's Political Correspondent, wrote: "Official government quarters tonight categorically denied reports of a Cabinet split over Palestine. But the mounting tension is regarded by observers as an indication of the general political anxiety over the Middle East developments."

This is likely to be shown in full force when Parliament assembles on Tuesday in the expectation of a statement by the Foreign Secretary.

EDEN'S CRITICISM

It was thought that Mr Bevin will have to handle Parliament with great firmness to avert the birth of a new foreign policy resistance group in the ranks of the Government supporters.

The deputy Conservative leader, Mr Anthony Eden, in a speech at Warwick tonight, described the flight on which British pilots were shot down over the Sinai desert on the information "so far made public" as "entirely purposeless and deplorable."

Mr Eden, a former Foreign Secretary, criticised the recent handling of events in the Middle East as of "confused purpose and an ill-considered action."

He had been anxious for a long time lest the Palestinian events should imperil Anglo-American friendship and understanding. "Surely the time has now come when a supreme effort must be made to agree on Anglo-American policy and to carry it out," he added.—Reuter.

PEACE TALKS PROMISING

Rhodes, Jan. 12.—The Acting Mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche, today welcomed the Jewish delegation to the Jewish-Egyptian armistice talks and said prospects looked "very promising" for the talks, which are to start at 11 a.m. local time tomorrow.

The Jewish delegation, led by Mr Walter Eytan, permanent Secretary at the Foreign Office, arrived at 4.30 p.m. and met Dr Bunche in the lobby of their hotel where the first meeting between the Jews and Egyptians will be held tomorrow.

The lobby was flooded with photographers' lights and crowded with United Nations officials, but no Egyptians were present. The Egyptian delegation arrived for negotiations with the Israeli authorities on an armistice in Palestine. The Egyptian delegation is headed by Colonel Mohamed Ibrahim Self Eddine.—United Press.

LI CHAI-SUM A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Nomination Supported By General Pai

PEACE DELEGATES BACK IN TIENTSIN

Nanking, Jan. 12.—Marshal Li Chai-sum, the expelled prominent Kuomintang member and a firm advocate of a Coalition with the Communists to end China's civil war, was among the nominees suggested to replace Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in well informed circles tonight.

The move was reliably understood to have the support of General Pai Chung-hsi, the Kwangsi military leader, at Hankow and possibly several high-ranking Canton and Kwangsi military leaders.

Marshal Li was reported yesterday to have arrived at Shichiauchung (in Red-occupied Hopei) from Hongkong to confer with Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese Communist leader.

Supporters of Marshal Li's nomination said he was the only man who could achieve a settlement with the Reds.

Another nominee suggested tonight for the President's post was General Ho Ying-chin, former Minister of National Defence, who is believed to be supported by more Conservative Kuomintang elements who do not favour Vice-President Li Tsung-jen succeeding the Generalissimo.—Reuter-APP.

YUAN SEEKS PEACE

Nanking, Jan. 12.—The Control Yuan yesterday joined the peace move by drawing up a statement to the government.

The statement lauded Chiang Kai-shek's unselfish spirit in stating an indifference to his personal status if peace can be achieved and urged government leaders to do likewise in a peace drive.

"Real victory should attempt to meet the real desires of the people and the achievement of peace," the statement said.

The Yuan members drew up a four point plan to further the peace effort:

- 1—Send a message to Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Tse-tung to cease military operations and send representatives to negotiate a peace.
- 2—Invite Chiang Chun, Chang Chi-chung and Shao Li-tze to act as negotiators.
- 3—Send representatives to the Big Four Ambassadors as representatives of the people to convey the wishes of the people.
- 4—Yuan members to collect data to be furnished as reference to the concerned quarters and peace negotiators.—Associated Press.

PEACE DOOR STILL OPEN

Tientsin, Jan. 12.—The door to peace "is not locked. It's being kept open," the Tientsin City Council peace delegation said today after returning from their second trip to meet the Communists.

They added that it was now necessary to prevail upon the local authorities to accept the Reds' peace terms.

The peace emissaries, interviewed by Reuters tonight, said they had three further conversations during the past 24 hours with General Lin Piao's Chief of Staff.

The emissaries said they had made no further arrangements but would make another trip if developments at this end warranted. They said the new terms were not available for publication.

When pressed by Reuters for some indication, one Councillor answered: "You probably can guess what they are."

Nationalist planes went into action late this afternoon in retaliation for the Communist shelling, effectively silencing the Red artillery barrage.

Chinese reports said hand-to-hand fighting was in progress in the western sector.

In Peiping today, efforts to secure a peace for the ancient capital continued.

PEACE FORMULA HINT

Among the versions of the peace formulae handed by the peace emissaries to the Communists was a suggestion that the Tientsin defenders be granted safe passage to remain frozen in Tientsin to await peace developments, it was reliably learned today.

The emissaries returned yesterday after their second trip to meet the Communists. Observers do not think either scheme, if submitted, was acceptable to the Communists and regard the mayor's move (in submitting a detailed analysis of the situation to the foreign consular and commercial body) as presaging dramatic events.

The potentialities of the situation were graphically revealed yesterday afternoon when Communist guns concentrated on the Central Government warehouses along the Hotung waterfront directly opposite the Bund in the former British Concession.

B & S PROPERTY HIT

Besides the hits and damage already reported, five shells landed in Butterfield and Swire's Hotel property, where damage was caused.

Fragment of shrapnel came across the river and splattered over the properties adjacent to the city's main street, formerly known as Victoria Road.

An American Consulate messenger was struck on the shoulder outside Tientsin's equivalent of the Empire State building (the Leopold building) where the American Consulate is located.

The Consulate decided to paste paper over all the windows to prevent possible shattering while across the street the Jardine's building began to put up shutters on all windows, following similar action by the British Consulate.

Predicting that the Communists may intensify their pressure on Tientsin from now on, the Mayor, Mr Tu Chien-shih, last night outlined the prevailing military position to the foreign consular body and prominent British, American, French businessmen whom he invited to a conference.

With the assistance of a large map, Mr Tu Chien-shih described the dispositions of General Lin Piao's 10 Communist columns and warned that a major attack was imminent.

He recalled that Tientsin was already 20 days under siege, during which the Nationalist defenders made a surprising stand, particularly during the last week, when waves of Communist made determined sallies from the northwest which were more exposed to attack.

BIG ATTACK EXPECTED

He claimed that General Lin Piao's second column was virtually wiped out in "human sea" tactics, which were covered by smoke screens.

Despite this loss, he warned, a big Communist attack could be expected at any moment—perhaps from the east, since the Nationalist positions there had been somewhat weakened following the loss of the former French arsenal.

The mayor emphasised that General Lin Piao had expected to capture Tientsin within two days but the Nationalists were retaining their positions along the defence dyke for the eighth consecutive day against heavy attacks.

His concluding observations were that while the defenders of Tientsin would fight for peace this may prove to be a memorable day.

The acting Soviet Consul-General, Mr A. S. Titov, was not present at the interview with the mayor, presumably because the afternoon's heavy Communist artillery barrage hit several buildings close to his official premises.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST CLAIM

Shanghai, Jan. 12.—The Chinese Communist radio claimed today that the Nationalist forces fighting in the suburbs of Peiping have been wiped out and said the China's ancient capital soon will be in Red hands.

The broadcast, taking the Russian propaganda line in its entirety, praised Soviet policies and predicted the defeat of American "imperialism." It said that Secretary of State George Marshall resigned because of the constant defeat of American imperialistic and aggressive policies.

The radio said the Soviet has dealt a resounding blow to attempts of the United States to "prepare a new war."

Attacking especially the European recovery programme, the broadcast said the American foreign policy has been aimed at isolating Russia, but instead had resulted in the "isolation of American imperialism itself."

The radio charged that Mr Marshall masqueraded as mediator in China but actually made possible Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's offensives.—United Press.

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HONGKONG—THE OASIS

London, Jan. 12.—Mr A. Comyns-Carr, K.C., British prosecutor at the major Japanese war trials, today said that Hongkong was the sole remaining bastion of British prestige in the Pacific.

"Hongkong is an oasis of prosperity in a desert of desolation and destruction," he said. "The calamities of the Kuomintang in China have given greater opportunities to the little Colony, which is one place in the Pacific which is able to rely on British administration."

Mr Comyns-Carr said the collapse of China was due, to exhaustion, coupled with misgovernment, which had crippling effects on Shanghai and other treaty ports handed over to China after the war.—United Press.

BIG SEIZURE OF GEMS BY CUSTOMS

London, Jan. 12.—Gems unofficially estimated to be worth £500,000 were seized by the customs authorities today in a London safe deposit box stored under the name of "Onbo Colombo."

According to the Evening News, the depositor is an Italian who brought the jewels to Britain before the last war. The hoard consists of 300 pieces, including rings, watches, brooches, pendants and bracelets.

There are gold and platinum pieces studded with diamonds, rubies, sapphires, pearls, onyx and emeralds.

Official notices of the seizure said the jewels were brought into Britain "without customs or other duties being first paid." No official valuation has been made.

If the owner makes a claim, legal proceedings will be instituted for the forfeiture and condemnation of the property. Colombo can dispute that the property is liable for forfeiture by filing a writ within one calendar month from the date of the notice, which was published last night.—Reuter.

Vampire Back This Afternoon

The do Havilland Vampire jet fighter which made a forced landing at Blas Bay on Tuesday is expected to arrive in the Colony this afternoon aboard the cruiser Belfast.

The plane was taken from the beach to the crasher by landing craft.

It is understood that the pilot, F/Lt G. Francis, AFC, will also travel aboard the Belfast.

Expedition Off To Recapture Island From Rebels

Rangoon, Jan. 12.—Burmese Army and Navy forces put out from Rangoon on Wednesday on an expedition to recapture Bilugyun Island off the Burma coast from separatist forces.

The Island fell on Tuesday to Mon and Karen rebels after a 24-hour assault. The Mon and Karen tribes demand a separate state.

Widespread violence erupted after Christmas Eve incidents when, Karen spokesmen said, 200 of their members were massacred by Government police while attending midnight church services.

A Government spokesman said Bilugyun, near Moulmein and a night's steamer trip from here, was garrisoned by civilian police only when 200 rebels swarmed across the narrow strait separating the island from the mainland to occupy key positions.

He said Government forces hoped to recapture the Island "within two or three days."

The Government suspended passenger and freight operations in the Burmese delta area on Tuesday because of repeated attacks on its steamers.

A band, reportedly led by Communists, seized the Island of Ramree off the coast near Akyab on Tuesday, a Government communiqué said. Government forces are being sent to aid islanders still holding out.

Two sharp clashes on the mainland were reported. The Government said it lost five killed and that rebel casualties were heavy.—Associated Press.

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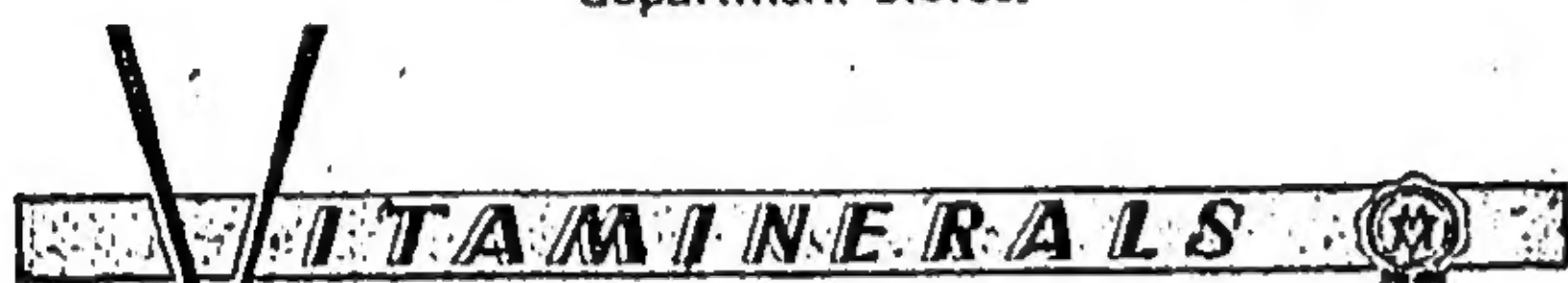
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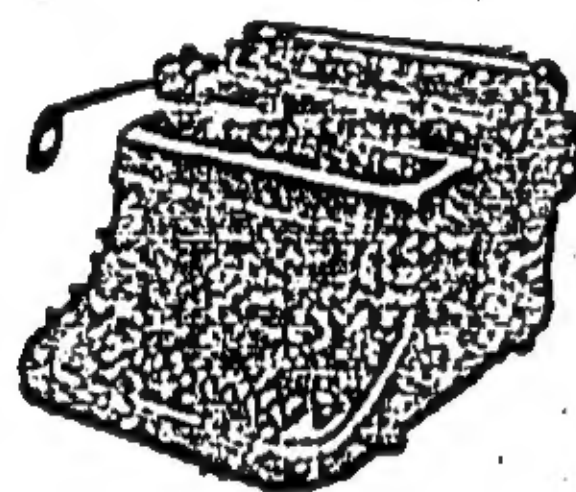


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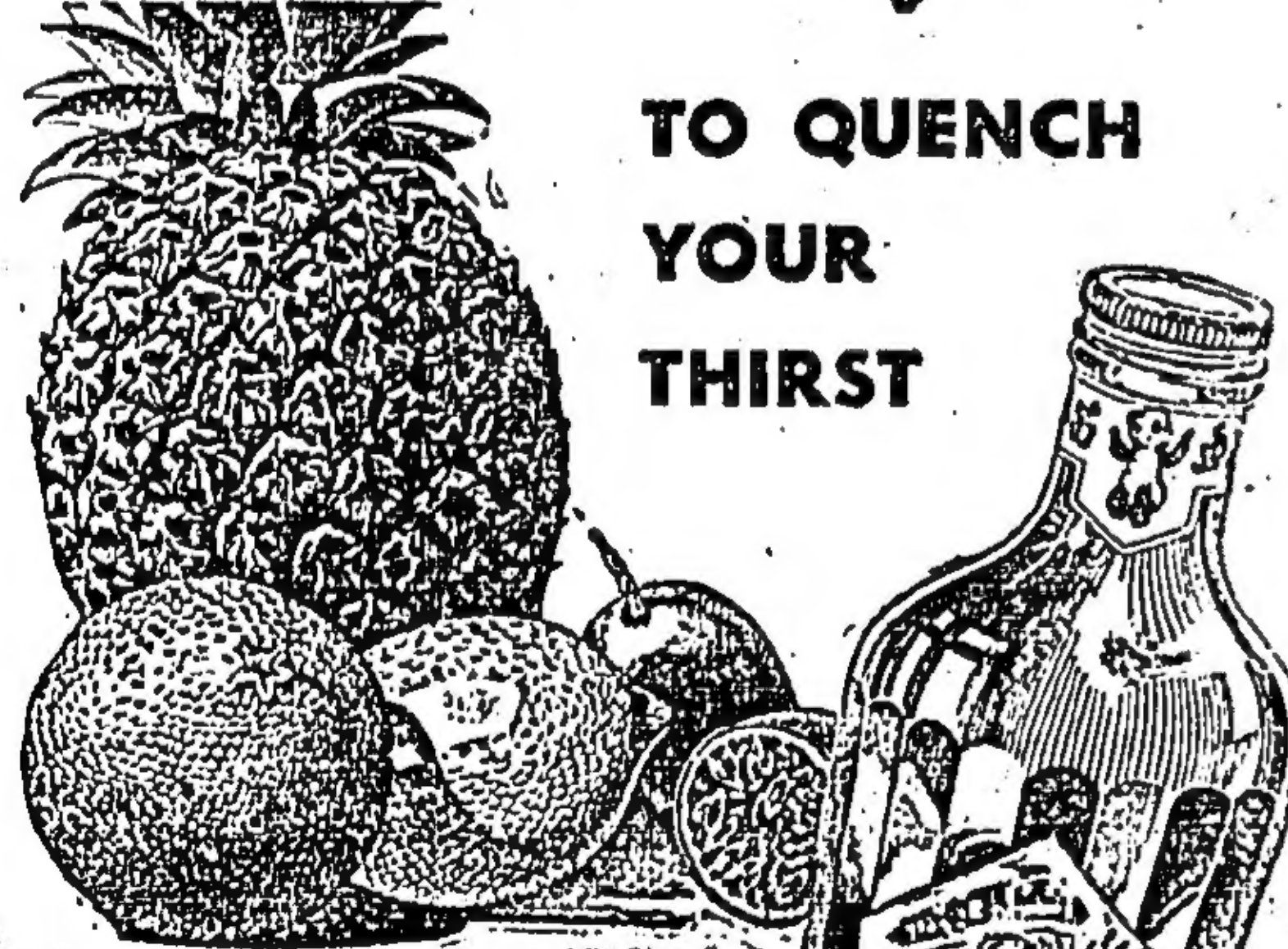
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PREVIEW OF 1949 SPRING FASHION



POPULAR in the spring will be bayadere print—material in which bands of the pattern are repeated in the fabric. These full-skirted dresses in bayadere, with a natural waist and neckline interest come from the Trilnick show. The palm tree print (right) has a casually collared square neckline; the other has a yoked bodice worked chevron-wise.

"Something New" For Venice This Spring

By NORMAN J. MONTELLIER

WINTER CLEAN-UP OF BEDDING

By ELEANOR ROSS

DON'T neglect your bedding when making ready and cleaning the house for the winter season. Only too often, every scrap of the house gets a good-overhauled, all but the bedding, something that really should receive priority. Remember, too, that routine care of bedding as part of the regular cleaning makes the semi-annual job easier.

If innerspring mattresses are turned every two or three weeks, and solid upholstered mattresses every week—and to end one time, and side to side the next—the wear will be more evenly distributed. Once a month mattresses and box-springs are easily cleaned with a vacuum cleaner attachment or with a soft, clean, dry brush.

Housecleaning

House cleaning, bedsprings and boxsprings should also be turned end to end to equalize the wear. Placing mattresses out of doors when there is sunshine or near an open window for at least half a day will freshen them.

When moving innerspring mattresses, they never should be bent or rolled, as this may damage the inner construction. For the same reason, they should not be beaten with a rug beater, or stood on end. Pillows should be gently plumped up every day when making the beds, and not pounded or thumped, as this tends to break the feathers. On linen-changing days, if the pillows without slips are placed at an open window, the fresh air will fluff up the feathers nicely.

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'Running Nose' In Children Needs Care

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN.

A "RUNNING NOSE" that occurs repeatedly is so often seen in young children that many mothers tend to take it for granted as something which will be outgrown as the child gets older. This is a mistake because this symptom is a definite indication of something wrong which should be investigated as soon as possible.

Even where a doctor is consulted at once, successful treatment may be difficult because any one of a number of causes may be responsible. Of course, treatment will not avail until the cause is found.

Discharge Gives Clues

The nature of the discharge itself will give clues as to its cause, that is, whether it is watery or thick or, as sometimes happens, stained with blood.

In infants, a nasal discharge may be due to a narrowing of the nasal passages. If they are blocked on both sides, the child will be unable to breathe through his nose and will keep his mouth open. This makes for difficult breathing and trouble in nursing. The nose will be found to be full of crusts which coat the walls. Infections of the nasal passages soon follow and the nasal discharge becomes thick and yellow.

Causes

The nasal discharge may be due to a cold. An infant may have recurrent attacks of nasal discharge due to improper feeding, according to Dr. Charles E. Scott, of Edinburgh. Lack of fresh air may be another contributing factor. Babies who are kept in overcrowded, overheated rooms with insufficient ventilation may develop a chronic, continued nasal discharge. In these instances, the discharge does not form crusts, but may produce some irritation of the upper lip and the area round the opening of the nose.

In older children, the running nose may be due to a bit of material such as paper, a bead, pebble or a fruit pit which has been pushed into the nose by the child. In such cases, the discharge is unilateral or one-sided, continuous, and gradually becomes thickened.

Diphtheria Infection

If the discharge from the nose is blood streaked, there is a possibility of its being due to a diphtheria infection. In such instances, a membrane may be seen in the nose. The discharge may be clear at first, but in a day or two becomes cloudy and thick. There also may be repeated nosebleeds.

Infection of the nasal sinuses is another common cause.

Other responsible factors are hay-fever, and what is known as allergic rhinitis, a condition due to sensitivity to such things as dust, pollen, or foods. In these latter cases, the discharge from the nose is thin and watery, and the lining membrane of the nose is pale and swollen.

Nasal discharge is a symptom and one which requires thorough investigation so that the cause may be found and proper treatment employed.

COMFORTABLE AND WARM



By VERA WINSTON

RED PLAID knickers are the new innovation for warmth and fun. These are frankly a cozy, warm place in the dormitory, but we bet that teen-age girls will be glad of them for wear under heavy corollary skirts when the weather becomes really cold and blustery. A tucked, lace-trimmed ballet camisole seems the proper party of the second part for these old timers.

Ornaments for Your Hair



Plastic combs are attractive and a practical way to keep your hair in place.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT would seem that "the girl with a rose in her hair" has emerged from the past along with peplums, bustles, poke bonnets and what have you. We are referring to a real rose, right off the bush, not one made of tissue and velvet. Girls of college age refuse to believe that hair is most beautiful when unadorned. They like to add a few touches, and plenty of touches are to be had, if the shopper seeks them—barrettes, clips, cute jewelled tuck combs.

Hatless days are still with us and, for many pretty young things, they go right through the year, snow flying or fair weather. It's nice then to use decorative devices for holding locks in place so that they won't be so wind-blown that they won't look scrambled.

The barrette comes in handy. A famous New York jewellery designer is producing barrettes and clips in gleaming silver. Their simplicity makes them the ideal items of accessory for youthful coiffures and costume trends. Plastic combs are nice, too, and a practical way to keep hair in place.

There is an increasing use of ribbon bows that are as quaint as silk mitts and sunshades. All sorts of quirky designs are possible as ribbons can be tied in a variety of ways and are attached partly by means of a pin or a clip. Sometimes one is worn on either side of a centre part for a light, wing-like effect. They can be matched to costume colours or contrasted for emphasis.

Teen-agers are always looking for something light and gay in the way of hair decorations, something attractive enough to wear right through the day and into that very special-evening date. For the party a sprig of fresh flowers gives a gala touch to even the simplest hair style, is perfectly attuned to the revival of feminine fluff currently sweeping all fields of fashion and beauty.

Here we must add the moral; keep the hair shining clean by using a shampoo agent that does a thorough job, that rinsing removes quickly. Unless the hair glistens, the effect is not tops.



A Savoury Suet Pudding Will Make the Meat Go Farther

THERE was a sound of chop, chop, chopping in the kitchen. The Chef was preparing a savoury suet pudding to serve with beef stew.

"I see you're chopping the beef suet with a big knife," I said. "I use the food chopper."

"That is all very well for Ma-jane, but for me I have the hand strong enough to use the big knife. It is as quick as when I get out the food chopper and set it up. And if I sprinkle the suet with flour it does not stick."

"But why don't you keep the food chopper set up?" I asked.

"I think it gets dusty," explained the Chef.

"But not if you cover it with a paper bag," I suggested. "Or if you like I'll make a transparent pillow bag to tie over it."

Suet Pudding

He finished his job with an especially vigorous chop, and began to put the suet pudding together.

"Do you like suet pudding?" I asked.

"Oui Madame. It is one of the English dishes that are tasty and useful, especially with fricassee or braised meat and plenty of gravy, or to serve with a beef-stew as we do today. It makes the meat go much farther."

"And it's a wholesome change from plain bread or rice," I added. "The beef suet or fat used in making it adds a rich meaty flavour, and often the butcher gives a piece of suet free with the meat, one of the few things you can get for the asking. Then if you want the suet pudding to be even meatier in flavour, you can add a half tsp. of beef extract with the liquid used in making it."

Place On The Menu

Savoury suet pudding, and other savoury puddings have a definite and important place in our menus today. They are substantial, nutritious, appetising and money-saving, and they are very easy to make. If it is not convenient to steam the suet pudding in a tin or mould, it may be made into dumplings and cooked with the stew.

To do this, make up the dough, according to the directions in this column. Put it on a floured board shape into rounds with a biscuit cutter, and drop into the stew as soon as it begins to simmer. Suet dumplings should be cooked for two hours, to be sure the fat is thoroughly melted and cooked through.

As they will absorb some of the liquid, add 2 extra cups of water when the meat is put on to cook.

Dinner
Grapefruit Juice
Beef and Vegetable Stew
Savoury Suet Pudding
Tomato Celery-Olive Aspic Salad
Apple Meringue Compote
Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)
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Beef And Vegetable Stew

Purchase 2 lb. neck, blade, shank and shin of beef and cut it into bite-sized pieces. (Save bones to put in the stock pot.) Remove all excess fat from the beef. Then roll the beef in 1/3 c. flour mixed with 1 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper.

Fry the beef fat in a heavy stew pan; when there is about 2 tsp. liquid fat, remove the scraps and brown the beef all over in it. Add 6 c. boiling water and 1 tsp. beef extract. Cover and simmer 1 1/2 hr. (Or pressure cook at 15 lb. for 30 min.). Then add 4 good-sized carrots peeled and quartered, 4 onions peeled and halved, and 2 c. coarsely diced potatoes. Cover closely, and simmer until the vegetables are tender, from 30 to 35 min. (If pressure, allow 8 min. at 15 lb. to cook the vegetables). Serve poured over slices of suet pudding; garnish with spoonfuls of heated tinned peas.

Savoury Suet Pudding: Sift together 2 c. all-purpose flour, 2 tsp. baking powder and 1/2 tsp. salt. Add 1/2 c. minced beef suet or solid beef fat. Then mix to a heavy dough with 3/4 c. cold water. Transfer to a well oiled qt.-sized mould or tin. Cover closely, place in a deep kettle and pour in boiling water to 3/4 the depth of the tin. Cover and boil slowly but steadily for 2 hr. Unmould, slice and serve very hot with any kind of stewed, braised or fricassee meat and plenty of gravy.

Apple Meringue Compote

Combine 4 c. diced washed apples, (do not peel if perfect and tender), 1/2 c. sugar, 1/2 tsp. lemon juice. Mix with 1 tsp. flour, 1 tsp. melted butter or margarine, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg and 1/4 c. granulated sugar. Transfer to a large, deep oiled pie plate, or use 4 good-sized individual baking dishes. Bake in a slow to moderate oven, 325 to 350 F., until the apples are tender, about 40 min. Then top with a meringue made by beating 1 large egg white until light and stiff with 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar and 1 tsp. sugar. Make a border of this around the edge of the pie dish, with a pastry tube, or teaspoon. Bake about 12 min. in a slow oven, 325 F., or until the meringue is light brown. Serve warm or cold.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



PAPAL WELCOME—Pope Pius XII poses with a group of American farmers from the Midwest whom he received in a private audience at the Vatican. The farmers, making a private tour of Europe, received the Pope's praise for their work in agriculture.



SLEEP TIME GAL—Oriental atmosphere is achieved in New York with this tailored lounging robe further enhanced by pyjamas made of matching brocaded material. The robe is nylon-quilted and features a large pocket and three black frogs.



VISIT OF ITALIAN GENERAL—Gen. Erisio Marras (second from left), Chief of Staff of the Italian Army, looks out over New York from the Empire State Building before leaving for Washington as guest of American Chief of Staff Gen. Omar Bradley.



"MISS UNITED STATES"—Dorothy Burks, 22, is crowned "Miss United States" by Major Gen. William H. Arnold during a United Nations Girls' Organisation dance in Washington, D.C.



SOMETHING NEW—An armed Russian soldier stands guard at the bow of a barge being towed through the Western Zone canal system to the port of Magdeburg in the Soviet Zone. Putting Russian guards aboard barges is the latest gesture in Russia's "nerve war." Technically, all Berlin waterways are under Soviet control.



LEARNING YOUNG—Johnny Atkinson, three, feeds a lump of sugar to the pony he received from his father for Christmas. Daddy is Ted Atkinson, America's leading jockey in 1944 and 1946. Scene is Miami Springs, Florida.



WATCH OUT FOR PICKPOCKETS!—The weather outside might be frightful but Bronx Zoo cages are so delightful—steam heated, that is—that even Junlor has no complaints as he pokes an inquisitive nose from mama's pouch-pocket.

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TENTH INSTALMENT:

EISENHOWER WAS MY BOSS

By KAY SUMMERSBY

IT was the middle of August, and Dick's old 3rd Division was in Messina. The Sicilian show was over. The curtain was going up on the Italian campaign. But, in the field and in all headquarters, talk centred upon Patton. The factual details remained foggy; correspondents still hadn't broken the story. Yet everyone in the Mediterranean knew General Patton had slapped a soldier at 93rd Evacuation Hospital.

Even his staunchest admirers declined to justify the incident. Enemies pointed out that slapping a soldier is a court-martial offence for any officer, let alone a general, as famous as Patton. His friends agreed, but argued that "Blood and Guts" undoubtedly was the most valuable fighting general in America's European armies; would it serve the war effort to junk him, just to satisfy regulations and one soldier's pride? Hundreds of soldiers' lives—not just their pride and military rights—were frequently sacrificed for the bigger goal, the winning of the war. Shouldn't this same principle apply here? Patton's enemies counter-attacked this argument by charging his retention would cause an angry storm of protest, so overwhelming that it might destroy public faith in the Army. Besides, they added, there weren't enough high-ranking officers in the area to try a lieutenant general. A trip home and the resultant stretch of court-martial, Patton's friends contended, might very well result in an international scandal, damaging to the Allies and their war.

Patton in Sicily

AFTER Drew Pearson cracked the story, these problems boiled over into the American press; in our own sector they were fought from headquarters to squad level. General Eisenhower, probably Patton's best friend and yet saddled with the responsibility for correction, wrote to his Seventh Army commander the most severe reprimand he ever had to compose in Europe. He also ordered a direct apology to all the men involved, as well as to the assembled officers of their regiment. Curiously enough, none of the letters General Eisenhower received at this time blamed him for the incident; every writer, without exception, including those who waxed hysterical in indignation, expressed a belief that the Supreme Commander would handle the matter appropriately.

Not long afterwards, I had a chance to ask General Patton about the whole thing. He was at Amilcar for lunch and a discussion of forthcoming operations. By the time I arrived, he and I apparently had concluded any talk on the subject, and the lusty Seventh Army chief was well into his great warehouse of risqué stories. As usual, he exiled me for the moment by remarking: "How about mixing me a highball, Kay?"

At lunch he suddenly turned to me and asked: "Why don't you set like to bring you over to Sicily on one of his trips?"

I murmured that General Eisenhower was a whirlwind of business whenever he visited Sicily; also, a woman would be very out of place with a general inspecting troops.

"Nonsense," Patton replied. "You should know American soldiers well enough by now to know you'd be damned good for morale!" He turned to the General. "Like, it's only a hop, skip and a jump over there—how about it?"

The next day Ruth Briggs and I piled into a C-47 and travelled to Sicily for a command luncheon with General Patton. He provided a nice touch by having his Chief of Staff, Hobart (Hap) Gay, at the airfield to meet our plane; after almost a year of greeting VIP's, I enjoyed being welcomed by a general.



The author enjoys a joke

The drive to headquarters revealed heavy damage to Palermo; the harbour was as bad as that at Bizerte, jammed with half-sunken ships, their masts—spiking—through the water. As for the Sicilians along the way—we agreed they were dirtier, if possible, than the Arabs. They also treated their animals with an Arab-like brutality. The overall filth, which seemed natural among the down-trodden Arabs of North Africa, was an unpleasant surprise in Sicily. Neither Ruth nor I had any desire to go sightseeing.

We found General Patton enthroned in a palace once occupied by the King of Sicily. The building was huge, ornate, and rambling; although only a few rooms were in use, they gave a grand, palatial air to the GI equipment strewn around.

Ruth and I turned down the famous Patton 75, a suicidal highball of champagne, brandy, and possibly other disastrous mixtures. Lunch consisted of GI food and shop talk. And most of that shop talk centred around the distinctly burning ears of Bernard Law Montgomery. General Patton blamed Monty for the worst military sin in the book of land warfare—caution. And he used every word in a dock's vocabulary—apologising to us women with humorous regularity—to condemn that

Afterwards, he called us up to his room and remarked with a smile: "Here's something you can probably use." Each of us grabbed, most unladylike, at a thin box obviously "liberated" somewhere in Sicily. Tearing at the wrappings, we found a treasure more priceless than steak, diamonds, or perfume—silk stockings.

Before sending us back to Tunisia, the General acted as our guide to an old, old, medieval church, and, religious soul that he was beneath that flamboyant exterior, prayed humbly for his troops and his family.

As we parted, I simply had to ask him about the slapping incident. General Patton sadly remarked: "I always get in trouble with my gawd-damned mouth!" At the same time, he shouted at the top of his squeaky voice: "But if this sort of thing ever comes up, I'll do it again!"

Bogged Down

THE next two months were a hodge-podge of the present, the future, and an incessant parade of VIP's.

The present, despite the Italian surrender, was dreary. Our campaign in Italy, off to a bang-up start and smokescreened by a false optimism which discounted German determination to keep the fighting in Italy bogged down, Salerno was only a black prelude to bigger tragedy in the offing at Anzio.

The future moved into our present in the form of the first talk about an operation to be known as "Overlord," the long-awaited invasion of France.

The Big Brass flood started with a visit on October 1 by the American Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox. He was followed the next day by Mr. Donald Nelson, head of America's war production, and Mr. James Landis, the Harvard Law School dean who was handling American civilian defence. The next day, it was Lord Louis Mountbatten again, en route to India. Then came the Ambassador to Moscow, W. Averell Harriman; his arrival gave me a chance to renew acquaintance with his daughter Kathy, whom I had known in London. The day after their appearance in North Africa, we had Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau in the morning, had him and Ambassador Harriman to lunch, met Secretary of State Cordell Hull in the afternoon, had him to dinner that evening, and saw him and the Harrimans off for Moscow that night. It was a typical day in that VIP period, and I must admit, a little heady.

Real Burdens

IF these were pleasant visitors, the nomadic politicians were real burdens. They made a point of collaring every GI in sight, bellowing, "Where you from, son? I'll be sure to tell your Ma I saw you when I get back to the United States of America!" Some of this was friendly and natural. But all too often it was brazenly political, nauseating not only to the accompanying Brass but to the soldiers themselves. They all knew a vote-grabber when they saw one.

Butch tried to talk General Eisenhower into having one group of Congressmen up for dinner. Ike blew his top, refused to have a formal dinner party, and reluctantly agreed to a luncheon. "I'm fighting a war," he yelled, "and a damned tough war. I'm not a politician. I'm a general!" That same day, he went to the dispensary for a routine check-up; the doctors postponed his physical exam because the politicians had sent his blood pressure skyrocketing.

The third contingent of VIP's consisted of show people, most of them



"Blood and Guts" Patton, the most colourful American commander of World War II, caused a sensation by slapping a soldier. Kay Summersby here describes the repercussions to this incident at General Eisenhower's headquarters and throughout the Mediterranean command.

big-hearted trouper anxious to give soldiers a little relaxation and quite good-natured over the difficulties in both transportation and staging. For example, there was Ben Lillie, who charmed the General with several impromptu after-dinner sketches at the villa. General Ike liked to have the headlines up for an evening, to show his appreciation of their efforts. Other welcome guests included Vivian Leigh, so lovely and petite one felt one was in the presence of an exquisite, fragile, Dresden China doll, Fredric March, who, unlike some of the male film and stage stars, was reserved, respectful, and well-acquainted with the war. Noel Coward, who executed a few fancy dance steps at AFHQ one day, to show us he could do something more than write witty, sophisticated drama; Bob Hope, greatly admired by the General for his natural wit and his never-ending tours of battlefields all over the world; and a host of other fine persons.

Some of the USO people were quite different, ignoring the GI's they were sent to entertain and concentrating upon the High Brass. Their chief concern was publicity. Their tag line usually ran, "It was little enough for me to do, to give them a few moments of smiles before they went off into battle." The phonies and the politicians soon hurried back to America, though. And November of 1943 brought us the biggest VIP of them all.

Airtight Security

GENERAL Eisenhower told me about it as we drove down from the villa, where I picked him up every morning, to the hotel headquarters of AFHQ in Algiers. "It's a top-level secret," he confided, "but I can tell you because you're on the staff. It's a week or so so you're going to be driving the President of the United States."

Chauvinism isn't exactly a glamorous job. But I knew from past experience that the presence of a female in the front seat of a car, in all the heavy maleness of war, leads VIP's to soften their stiffness and become human for a few minutes. So I looked forward to meeting President Roosevelt, and possibly, to actually talking with him. As a person and as a dignity, he interested me more than anyone else to date, including the Prime Minister and the King of England. And by the time General Ike flew to Oran to meet the battleship Idw and its Number One passenger, I had caught at least a little of the official family's excitement.

General Eisenhower was bringing the President to the comparative isolation of our Advance GP in Tunisia, rather than into the still somewhat explosive atmosphere of Algiers. I joined other lesser lights in the advance trip to Amilcar. The journey was as rough as a bad Channel crossing; Telex, although morose and whimpering, was the only passenger aboard that B-17 without its of nausea. And the taut state of nerves at the airport was hardly an antidote for any of us. American Secret Service men, sloppily dressed and as tough-looking as characters in a gangster film, dashed about on mysterious errands to set up nightlig security for the High Brass, who would include not only the Commander-in-Chief and the Allied Supreme Commander, but also General Marshall, Admiral Ernest J. King, Mr. Harry Hopkins, Admiral William P. Leahy, "Pa" Watson, and a flock of other officials.

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TELLING TALES

... of the kind of world we are living in today

"WHAT on earth are you doing?" cried the Henderson housewife as she found her husband oiling a revolver. "I'm going to shoot John Strachey," he said. "But you can't," protested his wife. "You'll be caught." "I can't help that. I simply cannot stand that man running my meals another minute." Gun in pocket, he walked out. Two hours later he was back. "What happened? Are you all right?" cried his wife. "No nearer," said the husband. "There was a queue."

THE LANGUAGE master was examining the word "Yes." "A simple word required often and usually, therefore, a single syllable. In English, as we know, 'Yes'... In French, 'Oui'... In German, 'Ja'... And please sir, what about Russian, sir?" "Ah!... One moment now... Oh, well, it's a word they seldom use, anyway."

ONE EVENING a Russian dog met a British dog gnawing a bone. "That's a poor meal," said the Russian. "In my country we have big bones every day, with lots of meat and marrow on them." "Then why did you come here?" growled the bulldog.

"I said why do you want to come to a place like this?" repeated the bulldog. And very quietly the Russian dog whispered: "Well, it was because I wanted to bark."

IT HAPPENED not so very far from Piccadilly-circus. It happened in one of those men's barber shops which have the accent on glamour. The customer was the West End playboy type, and his manicurist was extremely pretty. Followed the usual badinage... and then the young man said:—

"Will you have supper with me tonight—and then maybe a night club?" "I don't think I should," said the girl. "In married, you see." But the playboy was the self-confident, high-moued, marriage-mustn't-mean-shackles type. "Nonsense! Ask your husband, I'm sure he won't mind." "Ask him yourself," said the girl. "He's shaving you."

THE TEACHER in the little town in Greece was hungry (as were many in his part of the world). But he spoke to the class in a voice of sweeping confidence:—

"Tomorrow we will discuss the egg. Each pupil will bring an egg to school with him—those who can't will bring a little ham."

YOU KNOW the kind of wife she was. Well she and her husband had been to America and, on the quiet, she had bought two of those eye-blinking ties which many Americans still consider smart.

They were to be his Christmas present—and they were handed over on Christmas Eve. The husband hated them. He could hardly decide which was the worse. But, miserably, he selected one to go down to breakfast in. "Hut So you don't like the other one," said his wife when he came into the room.

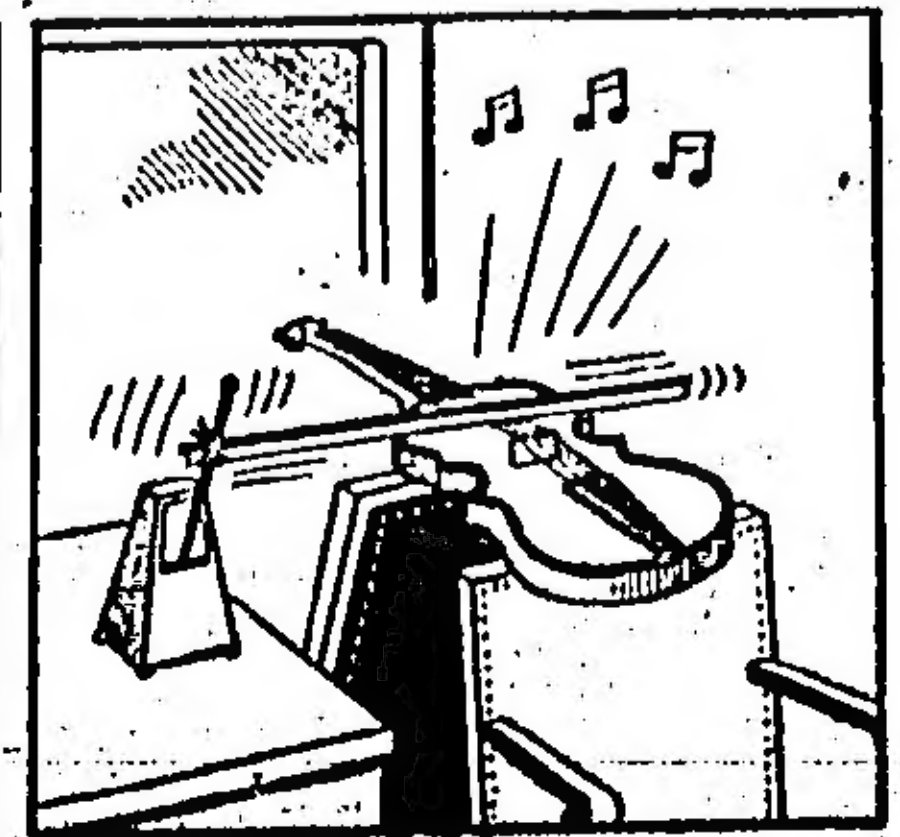
THE LITTLE BOY was out to tea with his uncle. He had never seen so many different cakes: mounds of honour, queen cakes, cream puffs, and wonderful stuff covered with layers of chocolate.

The waitress approached the table. "Gateau, sir?" she said. The boy looked puzzled. "Gateau?" he echoed—"I thought that was the name of a concentration camp or something."



"The other prisoners are complaining about the noise—and just look at this mess!"

NANCY They Bent It



By Ernie Bushmiller



P.W.D. LARCENY TRIAL:

DEFENCE COUNSEL AGAIN ASKS FOR SEPARATE TRIAL

Taking exception to a question by Crown Counsel which he alleged was prejudicial to the interests of his client, Mr Percy Chen (Counsel for Kwok Kwong) this morning renewed his application for a separate trial, for the jury to be discharged and for a new trial to be ordered before Mr Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions, when the trial of two members of the Public Works Department charged with theft of Government stores continued. The application was refused.

Counsel's objection arose during re-examination of a witness, Charles Messenger Rowe, electrical engineer of Pacific Air Maintenance and Supply Company, who was recalled for further cross-examination by Mr D'Alton (Counsel for Spary).

Accused are Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, and Austin Spary, 50, electrical inspector, Grade 1, both of the Public Works Department. They are charged on 10 counts of larceny by public servant, one of obtaining money by false pretences from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and one of conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr C.A.S. Russ, is appearing for Kwok and Spary is represented by Mr V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths. Appearing for the prosecution is Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Chief Insp. J. Johnston, and Det. Sub-Inspector L. C. MacPherson, of the Special Branch.

The jury empanelled comprises four men and three women. Charles Messenger Rowe, electrical engineer employed by the Pacific Air Maintenance and Supply Company (formerly the Cathay Pacific Airways), who had earlier testified to work carried out at the company's installation in 1947 and 1948 by workmen whom he had said had been sent there by Spary, was recalled by Mr D'Alton for cross-examination.

Rowe said that O.E. Julebin was a clerk employed by C.P.A. As far as witness could recollect, he thought that Julebin left his employment as a clerk or two months ago. Mr D'Alton: Do you know what reason he left?

Witness: I don't. I think he resigned to take on another position to better himself.

HARRIS IN CHARGE

Now, in the course of his cross-examination, he said that "we" referred to the men working on the hut as "Spary's men." Asked who "we" were, he replied "Rowe, Harris and myself." Can you tell us if that is true, that you referred to the men as "Spary's men"? To the best of my knowledge, no. These works were being carried out at the C.P.A. and on the quonset hut, Harris was in charge, was he not?—Yes.

What is his present position?—He is the manager of Pacific Air Maintenance and Supply Company, which is the new name of Cathay Pacific Airways.

Mr Harris is away from the Colony, isn't he? Can you tell me when he left?—He left Kowloon Aerodrome on December 20.

Do you know whether he informed the Police or anyone that he was leaving?—I do not know. To the best of my knowledge, I don't think he did.

Was his decision to leave a very sudden one, or was it in the air for some time?—In the air for some time. It was not sudden. Harris had worked at Cathay Pacific Airways and at Pacific Air Maintenance for quite a considerable time, and he was pretty run down. I think it was on the insistence of the Company that he took a holiday.

You would not say he was actually ill?—Not in the true sense of the word. He was run down, tired. For how long is he going to be absent?—I cannot say. Spary understood it was tentatively for a month, but it could be longer.

Now, when this case started last August, when enquiries began to be made, you made a statement to the Police, did you not? Later, in the course of the committal proceedings before the Magistrate, you changed that statement, didn't you?—Yes. Shall I say I qualified it?

Mr Justice Reynolds: It was not the same statement, anyway? Witness: It was not.

Mr D'Alton: Would it be right that your original statement was that you had rung up Spary, or something to that effect?—Did I mention Spary's name?

ALTERED STATEMENT It seemed so in the statement to the Police. Did you mention Spary in your statement to the Police?—I did.

Subsequently you altered your statement this way, that you had rung up the P.W.D. but you could not say you had spoken to Spary, isn't that so?—Yes.

This is what you are alleged to have said to the Police "I rang up Spary asking if he could put me on to the same man who had executed the previous contract. He said he would do so and promised to send a man to me." Subsequently, as I say, you stated on oath that in fact all that happened was that you had rung up the P.W.D. number and someone had given you the name or number of the contractor. That is the true story?—That is so.

Now, as a result of this alteration in your statement it is a fact, is it not, that the Crown wanted to treat you as a hostile witness?—That is correct.

In your explanation, which is on the deposition, you said "I made a statement to the Police. It was a

Important Law Case Concerning Land Deal

An important case dealing with the position arising out of contracts for sale of land shortly before the Japanese occupation of the Colony came before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Supreme Court this morning. Counsel for the plaintiffs stated that this was the first of possibly a number of such cases. Each case had its own particular features and his Lordship's decision on any one may or may not affect the others, said counsel.

Plaintiffs, represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr V. H. Chan, were Kwok Yuchien and Wong Chuk-chiu, merchants of 180, Wellington Street, ground floor, while defendants were the Shim Tet Thong Co., Ltd., with registered offices at 44, Bonham Street East. They were represented by Mr Charles E. Losby, on the instructions of Mr E. S. C. Brooks.

Plaintiffs claimed that by an agreement in writing entered into between the plaintiffs and defendants on November 21, 1941, the defendants agreed to sell and the plaintiffs agreed to buy from them Inland Lots 4390 and 4593 together with the messuages, erections and buildings thereon known as 10, 7 Li Yuen Street East for \$97,000.

In pursuance of the agreement plaintiffs paid a deposit of \$5,000 to the defendants.

SALE UNCOMPLETED Defendants had not completed and refused to complete the sale and the premises have not been conveyed by the defendants to the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs claim: (a) Specific performance of the agreement for sale and that the defendants may be ordered to execute the proper conveyance of the premises to the plaintiffs; (b) In the alternative: (1) A declaration that they are entitled to the return of the deposit; (2) Damages for breach of contract; (c) Costs.

(d) Such further or other relief as the Court may deem just.

Mr Bernacchi said that according to the agreement the purchase was to have been completed on or before January 6, 1942. After dealing with certain correspondence, counsel said that it would be his case that it was a positive deduction from the evidence that the defendants were in a position to complete the sale and that the plaintiffs were in a position to complete the purchase.

TWO MAIN ISSUES

There were two main factual issues, he said. Plaintiffs' evidence would be that they attended at the office of T'so and Hodgson on January 6, 1942, but the vendors were not represented. Plaintiffs informed that Messrs Hastings and Company had been closed as a result of the occupation. The second issue would be for the defence to prove and that was that the plaintiffs were in a position to complete the purchase of the Japanese occupation of the Colony.

Mr Bernacchi said that there was also the question of the legal effect on the parties were divided or undivided by line of war. If plaintiffs were in friendly territory it would not make the contract for sale illegal.

There was also the question of frustration by illegality or impossibility.

Mr Bernacchi said that his case would be that the plaintiffs were in Hongkong in January 1947 and thereafter were in Canton and were never in friendly territory. He contended that Canton was equally in subjugation to the enemy as well as Hongkong.

Counsel said that it was also his submission that the plaintiffs were not at fault and that the default was on the part of the vendors. Hearing is proceeding.

Death Of Noted Comedian

New York, Jan. 12.—The death occurred here of Willie Howard, 62, one of the all-time greats of vaudeville and the Broadway musical stage in the Ziegfeld era. Mr Howard died in the Polyclinic Hospital today after a six-week illness.

The red-eyed little comedian, who introduced "Sweet Adeline" and who made famous the song "Pay The Man Two Dollars," died just a day before a musical in which he was to star was scheduled to open on Broadway.—United Press.

gentleman as gold-teeth. Who did you mean by that?

Witness: That man (indicating Kwok Kwong in the dock).

Whom did you mean by blotchy face?—That man there (indicating a man identified as Au Pui).

Foreman of the jury: When you telephoned the P.W.D. exchange, whom did you ask to speak to? Did you ask to speak to Spary?

Witness: I asked to contact Spary. And the person who answered the phone did not give you any name?

—No. It was a male voice. Mr D'Alton: I think the position should be cleared up, my Lord. The witness has said that when he rang up the exchange he was told that Spary was in conference. I think that should be made clear to the jury.

Witness: That is correct. The trial is proceeding.

Taxi-Drivers' Meeting

The striking taxi-drivers met at noon today at Confucius Hall to discuss the employers' new proposals. The meeting was private and no reporters were admitted. The police, however, were present. It was disclosed by one of the officials of the Motor Drivers' Union that a press conference will be held tonight, when the result of today's meeting will be released.

This afternoon the drivers' representatives will see the Commissioner of Labour. Following the release of the 42 arrested pickets yesterday, the partial "sympathy strike" ended this morning and all public cars were on the road.

There were no disturbances at the taxi stands at Pedder Street and the Star Ferry, which are occupied by about 100 taxis.

The new drivers said this morning that all taxi operators had stopped employing new drivers for the time being. They thought it was likely that they intend to reinstate the old drivers. The new drivers say they do not fear dismissal if this takes place.

Court Sequel To Hold-Up

Investigations by the police following a highway robbery on Sunday along the Clear Water Bay Road led to the arrest of two men, who were charged at Kowloon Court this morning.

The accused are Sit Ting, 22, unemployed, living in an unnumbered hut at Tin Ha Wa Village, and Lau Tin, 32, boatman, of the same village.

They were charged on four counts. The first alleged that, together with one other, they robbed Ronald George Ballantine and Charlie Julian Maybeth on January 9 near Tai Hang Hau village of money, jewellery and various other articles. They were also charged with larceny from the person of Olga Nicholavina Yord at Clear Water Bay Road on December 1 last of a handbag containing money and various articles.

Other charges related to possession of arms and ammunition and receiving stolen property. The case came before Mr Blair-Kerr, who granted a request made by the police for two days' remand for further inquiries.

Junk Mistress Fined

For lying inshore during prohibited hours without a permit, Chan Kam-mul, 42, mistress of a trading junk, was fined \$15 or three days by Mr Cairns at the Marine Court this morning.

She pleaded that she had discharged cargo last night, and the water at 8 p.m. was too shallow for her to leave. St Nippard said the junk was moored alongside the quay wall at Shek Lung Street this morning, and the area had been dredged by the Port Works.

He added that a high water was about 6 p.m.; there should have been ample water for the boat to leave. Wong Pui, 28, master of a cargo junk, was fined \$10 or two days for failing to produce his licence when asked to do so by a policeman. Defendant said the licence had been deposited as security with a ship from which he was unloading live-stock.

FIRE MAKES 3,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS

Shanghai, Jan. 12.—At least 3,000 people were rendered homeless last evening by a fire which gutted 600 matchboxes in the northern district of Shanghai.

One person was reported to have perished in the fire, which started when a child overturned a kerosene stove while cooking.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"She's too ambitious—always wants to load the class! Looks like George is stuck to carry home a truckload of books every night!"

POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO CHIANG

(Continued from Page 1)

who was governor of Shantung during the Sino-Japanese war. He was reported to have come here on behalf of Vice-President Li Tsung-jen.—Associated Press.

GEN TU CAPTURED Nanjing, Jan. 12.—General Tu Yu-ming, one of China's great military heroes and leader of the trapped government forces below Hanchow, has been captured by the Communists, military sources reported today.

The Communist radio said that General Tu was captured while in disguise as a private, and that the last of his 23 surrounded divisions has been annihilated.

The military sources here said that two of General Tu's leading generals, Chiu Ching-chuan and Li Yi, were missing. These sources said that only 6,000 of his 100,000 starving troops had survived the five weeks of encirclement, and that they have been marching south to join other government forces.

An earlier report in the newspaper, Central Daily News, said that reconnaissance planes had spotted three columns of 50,000 men and the military spokesman, General Teng Wen-yi, denied that three Army groups have been wiped out.—United Press.

SECRET REPORT Washington, Jan. 12.—The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, told the press today that the United States recently received a communication from the Chinese Government, which asked that its contents be kept secret.

He would not say whether China had asked this Government, Britain, France and Russia for their views on solving the Chinese civil-war problem.

Reports from China for several weeks have said that the Nationalist Government is seeking Big Four mediation. Asked whether the communication asked for mediation, Mr. Lovett declared he could not say.—United Press.

Ex-RN Officer Fined

Düsseldorf, Westphalia, Jan. 12.—Captain Guy Onley Maund, 57-year-old former Royal Navy officer and Chief of the British Frontier Control Service in Germany, was found guilty on a charge of larceny by the Central Commission High Court today.

He was fined £25 with an alternative of one month's imprisonment. Currency charges against Captain Maund were dropped. He pleaded not guilty to the larceny charge.

The Chief Prosecutor said the charge related to a dinner service of 120 pieces and seven wine-glasses, the property of Frau Wegener, wife of the former Gauleiter, Paul Wegener, who is now in British custody.

The charge also alleged that Maund had stolen a carpet, described as the property of the British Military Government.

The Prosecutor said that all the articles were taken to England on the orders of the accused. Later, after identification, they were brought back to Germany by a detective.

A Detective-Inspector told the Court that Maund said the goods must have been packed and sent to England by mistake and not by his orders. He said he had never seen the carpet before and the china was not his.—Reuter.

Moslem Celebration

Under the auspices of the Board of Trustees of the Mosque, the Holy Prophet's Birthday will be celebrated at the Mosque, 30, Shelley Street, beginning with "Movied" congregation on Saturday, at 8.30 p.m. followed by a dinner on Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. All Moslems, irrespective of nationality, are invited.

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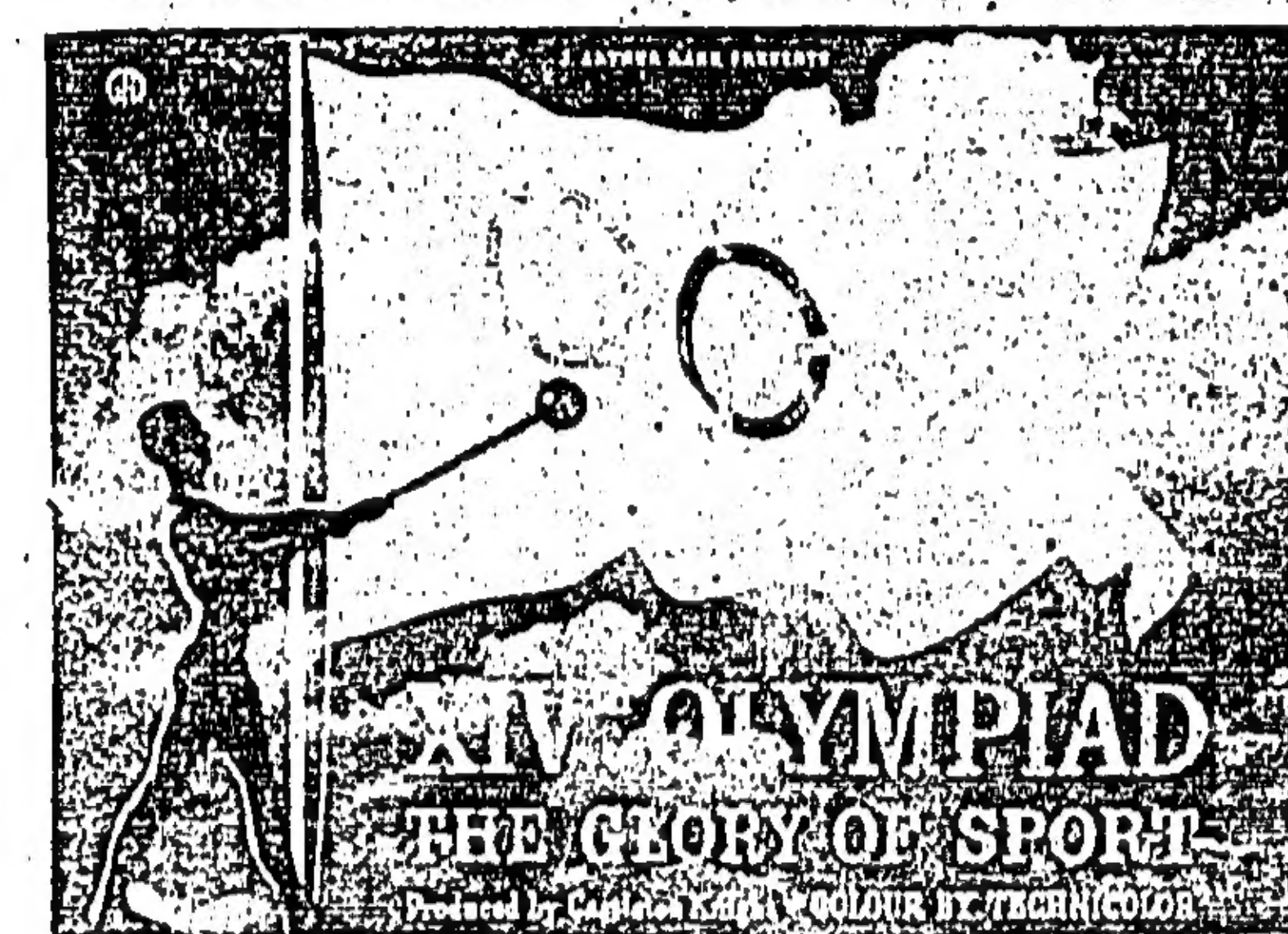
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Closing Times by Air

Kumming, Luchow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Kweilin, Chungking and Swatow, 3.30 p.m.

Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Alexandria, (Nairobi), Johannesburg, and Maracilles via Alexandria, Rome and London, (CFO) 4.30 p.m.; (CFO) 5 p.m.; Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.

Japan, 6 p.m.

Salmon and Paris, 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Strails, 3 p.m.

Manila, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Closing Times by Air

Swatow and Amoy, 8.30 a.m. (reg); 9 a.m. (ord).

Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).

Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Tientsin, Swatow and Amoy, 3.30 p.m.

Manila, Honolulu, USA & Canada, 5 a.m.

Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu, and USA, (CFO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Air Mail (Printed Matters, Samples and Small Parcel Postals) for Manila, Canton, Hongkong and USA, (CFO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Salmon, 10 a.m.

Hankow, 10 a.m.

Amoy and Hiohwa, 10 a.m.

Peking, 10 a.m.

Manila, 10 a.m.

Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.

Swatow, 11 a.m.

Danish Planes Crash

Copenhagen, Jan. 12.—Two Danish Air Force Spitfires crashed today. The pilot of one was killed when his plane came down during a snowstorm on Jutland.

The second plane crashed while landing at an airport here. Another Danish Spitfire crashed earlier this week.—Reuter.

Strails, Macassar, Sourabaya and Batavia, 1 p.m.

Shanghai, 3 p.m.

Zankong, 3 p.m.

FAREWELL TO THE

FIRST GENTLEMAN
OF SOCCER

By ARCHIE QUICK

Farewell Tommy Walker. Pride of Scotland and First Gentleman of Soccer he walked off the field at Fratton Park after playing his final game of football for Chelsea against Portsmouth on Boxing Day to become Assistant Manager of Heart of Midlothian Club at Edinburgh. He went with the crowd standing and singing 'Old Lang Syne' the same as they did when he played his last home match at Stamford Bridge on Christmas Day.

He explained the side in these two games and so ends a brilliant and unusual playing career. Tommy now goes forward to learn the rudiments of the administrative side of the game and at some future date will take over the managerial reins at Tynecastle from the present manager, David McLean, who wishes to retire.

Strangely enough in his curial game at Fratton he was marked by young Jim Scouler, future Scottish international. It ever was one, who comes from the same village named Livingstone Station as Tommy, where he hero-worshipped Tom in his school days.

When Walker left Livingstone for Tynecastle Park and won Soccer fame he only meant it as a joke, to an end for his heart was set on entering the ministry.

He studied for the Church and would have taken cloth had war not swept him in the services. Even so Tommy, during his brief sojourn in London, has read lessons at church every Sunday and has taken a boys' club under his wing for Soccer coaching and general welfare.

21 CAPS

He played for Scotland 21 times and in the many years I have been watching him on the field and talking to him off it, I have never known him guilty of foul action in play or discourtesy in civil life.

He taken with him the respect of everyone in the game. After the Christmas Day match at Fratton, it was a gentleman's agreement between Chelsea and myself that I should leave now. That was agreed when I signed and although they could keep me to the end of the season, they have been decent enough to honour their word.

"It is a bit of a wrench to leave so many English and Scottish friends behind, but I am glad really to be going home for I have my future to see to and that lies in Scotland."

"I think the Game is faster than before the war, but the players seem to be fitter even on rationed and the pace is really cracker nowadays for an old man like me."

Said manager Billy Birtrell, "We are losing the finest man who ever pulled on a pair of football boots. He has been incapable of a dirty trick throughout his entire playing days. Everyone will wish him well and personally I wonder how we are going to fill the gaps of his passing. A good job Roy Bentley has come to form so opportunely."

Where Sentiment
Is Not Dead

Sentiment is not yet dead in professional sport. Last May the Wrexham Football Club went to BAOR and played several matches during a fortnight's stay.

They want to go again this coming summer but the BAOR Sports Board regretfully said that they could not afford Wrexham's expenses. Although Wrexham went last year for expenses only and no profit.

Now, Wrexham are only a small, not-too-wealthy Third Division Northern club. They enjoyed themselves so much entertaining Servicemen in Germany that they have volunteered to go again this time, paying all their expenses up to the Dutch-German border.

That means from North Wales to Warwick to the Hook of Holland and through Holland both ways. It will cost a pretty penny and even Manager Tom Williams, as well as the Directors, are prepared to contribute their share of the costs.

Referee's Mileage

London, Jan. 12.—When Dickie Flicker, a Londoner, recently set up a world snooker endurance record by playing continuously for 45 hours and 27 minutes, he had a pedometer attached to his leg.

This revealed that he covered 23 miles 400 yards while playing the 137 frames during the two days. Several other sportsmen have reckoned distances covered by the use of a pedometer and Harry Williams, a Fulham football referee, found that he covered 10 and a half miles while officiating at a Cup tie.

By revealing this, Williams indicated that football has become faster for when a referee decided 10 years earlier to take his mileage by pedometer methods he found that the distance during a match was approximately seven miles.

It has been estimated that in the world's fastest game—ice hockey—a referee covers about seven miles, but in this connection it can be recalled that there are two officials in charge of each game.

It follows that if there was only one, he would cover about 14 miles. The last could be continued but most people may be surprised to know that an ordinary housewife who decided to find out what her mileage was, in carrying out the daily duties read 15 miles at the close of her day, and she had not left home to do any shopping.

CUP TIES

All Eyes On
Yeovil Town

London, Jan. 12.—The clash between Derby County and Arsenal is undoubtedly the outstanding match of the fourth round Football Association Cup Ties being played on January 20, but the David and Goliath struggle between Yeovil Town, the remaining non-League club, and Sunderland, First Division "giants," will claim as much attention.

Only about 15,000 people will be able to squeeze into the little West Country ground, where the Cup, taken by wing, will have a focus on the team of part-time professionals.

"We have a 50-50 chance," is the philosophical view taken by Alec Stock, the player-manager. "There will be no pre-match plan or special training, but the players will have a week off from work before the game for training."

Sunderland, whose transfer fee of £20,000 for Len Shackleton was probably more than the cost of Yeovil's ground and team put together, were disappointed with the draw.

Manager Bill Murray, who once played for Sunderland in a friendly game on Yeovil's ground, said: "We have to go all the way to Yeovil (about 400 miles), get a small gate and risk a defeat."

Murray thought Sunderland would win through, but said the ground was not easy to play upon.

HURDLE FOR WALSALE

The other "giant killer," Walsall, whose claim to fame is that they knocked Arsenal out of the Cup at the height of their power in 1933, have a stiff hurdle at Luton, who have not been beaten at home this season.

Arsenal are faced with the biggest task in tackling Derby County, who ended Arsenal's run after 17 games without defeat last season, and in the recent two Christmas holiday games they took three points from Arsenal.

Manchester United, firm favourites to win the Cup for the second time in succession, will have to produce their best against Bradford in the Lancashire-Yorkshire tussle.

Bradford caused a sensation last season by humbling Arsenal in the first round, and they made another good start this year by eliminating the costly Newcastle United side at Newcastle.

No club has won the Cup twice in succession since Blackpool. Rovers did so in 1900 and 1901. If Manchester United bring it off this year it will be their third win since 1900.

BACK HOME

Stanley Matthews, one of the greatest footballers and wingers of all time, undoubtedly have mixed feelings about his visit to Stoke with Blackpool. It was with Stoke that Matthews made his Cup debut at the age of 17, when he was the club's office boy.

Another clash in the top sphere is that between the unpredictable Chelsea and the luckless but improving Everton. These two clubs have a "rehearsal" game at Everton the previous week.

The seven Third Division clubs still in the competition all meet teams of a higher status, with Rotherham, Gateshead and Newport at home, and Notts County, Hull City, Torquay and Walsall away.

This gives scope for more "giant killing." A twist of fate has paired the all-conquering Hull City and their near rivals, Grimsby Town, and the ferries across the Humber will be busy on January 29.—Reuter

Brentford Player
Suspended

London, Jan. 12.—Paddy Harris, Brentford reserve halfback, has been suspended for alleged breach of discipline, the club announced today.

An official said that Harris failed to turn up to play against Swansea Town reserves on Boxing Day and had not reported since. Harris had been living in lodgings at Hounslow and his landlord said that he did not know where he was.

Under regulation 84 of the Football League, clubs have the right to suspend a player for breach of disciplinary rules.—Reuter.

Occasionals' Team

This following will represent the "Occasionals" in a friendly cricket match against the Civil Service CC at Chater Road on Sunday at 11 a.m.: C. D. Wales (Capt), N. Arthy, H. D. Eldwell, R. W. Franklin, G. B. Gibbons, W. L. Howard, O. J. Kerr, D. H. Lench, M. Newton, L. F. Stokes and A. P. Welr.

GOING UP!



Marcel Cerdan (right), the "Casablanca Clouter," world middleweight boxing champion, takes on Steve Belloise in a jump up and touch toe contest. As the picture demonstrates, Cerdan won.

THE LIONS
TREMBLE

Paterson, New Jersey, Jan. 13.—Abe Greene, U.S. National Boxing Commissioner, has received a State Decoration from the Sultan of Morocco for helping bring Marcel Cerdan to the United States.

Cerdan, who won the world middleweight title here, is a native of French Morocco.

The citation for the decoration reads "The holder is a brother of the Sultan. When he roars in anger, the lions tremble in their den."

—Associated Press.

America's
Mr Golf

By OSCAR FRALEY

Ben Hogan, the mighty mechanical mite of the fairways, was "Mr Golf" in 1948.

The tiny Texan, seldom a winner of the big tournaments in previous years, crashed through with a vengeance as he won both the PGA crown and the coveted National Open.

Not only that, but Bantam Benny set a new record of 276 in coping the Open and, going into the final professional tournament of the year was the game's leading money winner with \$36,012.

In addition to the pair of big ones, Hogan won the Western Open, Los Angeles Open, Bing Crosby Professional, Inverness Four-Ball with Jimmy Demaret, Motor City Open, Reading Open, Denver Open, Reno Open and Glendale Open.

He averaged 69.31 strokes to assure himself the Vardon Trophy.

DOMINATION

The United States continued to dominate the sport, even abroad. The only British title the English were able to salvage was their Open championship, won by Henry Cotton.

Frank Stranahan of Toledo, O., won the British amateur, as well as retaining the Canadian amateur, and Louise Suggs of Lithia Springs, Ga., won the British women's amateur.

The United States also retained the Curtis Cup, defeating Britain, 6½ to 2½.

Grace Lenczyk, 21-year-old college student from Newington, Conn., moved to the top in women's golf as she captured the Intercollegiate title.

The Canadian amateur for the second year in a row and the United States amateur, won by Willie Turnesa.

Making it a clean Canadian sweep for Americans, Charley Condon of Tacoma captured the Canadian Open. Michael Ferencik of Long Beach, Cal., won the public links crown, and the national junior champion ship went to Dean Lind, Rockford, Ill.—United Press.

Sport Centre For
London's Youth

London, Jan. 12.—A magnificent new sports and entertainment centre for London's youth is to be built on the site of the old Crystal Palace, burned down in 1936.

It will cover 100 acres and include four senior and junior football pitches, cricket pitch, running and cycling tracks, four hard tennis courts and bowling greens.

Further plans include the restoration of the old Canada building for exhibition, concerts and dances. The road racing track will be resurfaced and speedway racing will be considered.

The scheme was decided on at a secret meeting of the Crystal Palace Trustees in London under the chairmanship of Lord Ammon, former Labour M. P.

The cost will be well over £30,000, said Mr. S. A. Legg, secretary to the trustees. Mr. Legg, who will come from the Crystal Palace funds, which now amount to £272,318. The war damage claim totals about £100,000.—Reuter.

BASEBALL "TAMPERING"

Cincinnati, Jan. 12.—Baseball Commissioner Albert Chandler today found the New York Giant team management, Giant manager Leo Durocher and the new Giant coach, Fred Fitzsimmons, guilty of violating the "tampering" rule and suspended them for the first month of the forthcoming season, fined Fitzsimmons and Durocher \$500 each and fined the Giant management \$3,000.

Fitzsimmons negotiated for the Giants a player still employed by Boston Braves. The Boston management had no knowledge that Fitzsimmons was dealing with the Giants. The Boston management made no complaint, but Chandler conducted hearings on his own initiative.—United Press.

Home Rugger

London, Jan. 12.—In a rugger match played today, St. Mary's Hospital defeated Middlesex Hospital by 10 points to nil.—Reuter.

BASEBALL

Winter Relaxation Cuts In
On Summer Earnings

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York, Jan. 12.—Although their jobs depend upon their physical abilities, very few major league baseball players make an honest effort to stay in good shape during the winter.

Most players feel that it is a long season from April until the end of September, and that they want to rest and to have some fun in winter.

Usually the ball-players' idea of fun does not involve getting to bed early or watching his diet, and especially it does not involve staying away from beer.

"We have Spring training don't we?" demanded one player. "That's what Spring training is for—to get the men in condition. We should have the right to spend the Winter as we like, relaxing."

CHANGED MINDS

But many former major leaguers now in the minors admit that they have changed their minds on that subject for they were too much relaxed which dropped them out of the big leagues, and other players still in the majors have smaller pay checks as a result of a bad season due to inability to get into condition.

Frank Shea of the New York Yankees is the most glaring example of the latter.

Shea won 14 and lost five in 1947, his first year in the majors, and spent the 1947-48 winter in heavy eating and relaxation.

He reported last Spring some 25 pounds over-weight, never was able to get all the fat off and so never reached his full effectiveness.

His 1948 record was nine wins and ten lost, and his 1949 pay cheque will be quite a bit smaller.

Shea plans vigorous training in gymnasiums and home exercises all this winter, and will make frequent trips to the doctor for a checkup.

MADE MISTAKE

Jackie Robinson is another who made a mistake, although an understandable one, last winter.

In 1947, when he came to the Brooklyn Dodgers, he was the first Negro ever to play in the majors, and was rookie of the year.

So naturally he was in great demand as a radio sport commentator, at Negro affairs and at inter-racial meetings.

He was too 20 pounds overweight last Spring and it was mid-season before he regained effectiveness. He isn't making the same mistake again.

This winter he is holding three jobs: one in a sport's business, one as a radio sports commentator, and one as physical education leader at the Harlem YMCA in New York.

The wealthy Indian potentate, second leading money winner here last season, also is closing down his elegant stable, Warren Place, at Newmarket. It is the ritziest barn in Britain.

But his trainer, Fred Armstrong, noticed a published report that the Gaekwar was reducing his turf holdings because of his Indian critics. Armstrong said it was a business proposition of getting rid of horses that do not earn their oats.

It is not the Gaekwar's intention to reduce his turf commitments," Armstrong said. "He only wants the best horses and that is why I sold more than half the animals he had last season."

The Gaekwar started the 1948 season with 25 horses but had about three dozen at the finish.

The stable star was My Babu, winner of the 2,000 Guineas class C. He helped boost the Gaekwar's purses for the year to \$159,120, second only to the Aga Khan's \$185,572.—Associated Press.

FABULOUS SPENDING

The Gaekwar of Baroda, reputedly the third wealthiest man in the world, today called a halt to his fabulous spending in his effort to secure a racehorse which would win Britain's Blue Riband of the turf, the Derby.

The Gaekwar's Warren Place stables at Newmarket, the most sumptuously equipped racing establishment in the British Isles, for which he paid \$55,000, was put up for sale today.

The Gaekwar decided to curtail his racing activities reportedly due to continued criticism by his country of his personal extravagance.

The Gaekwar is at present in Baroda, still conferring about the constitutional crisis which arose following his second marriage to Princess Sita Devi.

AIMING AT QUALITY

The Gaekwar's Newmarket trainer, Fred Armstrong, disclosed that his patron was reducing his string of horses to 14. Armstrong said, "We are also aiming at quality rather than quantity."

Among the horses being retained is My Babu, a hot favorite in the 1949 Derby which ran unplaced, and Sayajirao, which cost the world record price of 28,000 guineas when purchased as a yearling. Sayajirao's success in a classic race when it won last year's St. Leger stakes.

Armstrong recently bought the St. Leger stakes and moved what remains of the Gaekwar's lavish bloodstock purchases made over the past five years.—United Press.

Six nights a week, working with Dodger catcher Roy Campanella, who, also in a Negro, Robinson leads boys in basketball, indoor baseball and volleyball games and in exercises. He hasn't gained a pound over his playing weight.

JUST RESTING

But most of the "big names" of baseball just rest during the cold months. Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinal player who was the National League's most valuable in 1948, loafed around his home in Donora, Pa.

Cleveland Indian manager and shortstop Lou Boudreau, the American League's most valuable, rests at his Harvey, Ill., home, and Joe DiMaggio divides the off-season between New York and San Francisco.

In New York he goes to boxing matches and sits around Tools Shor's restaurant and bar. In San Francisco he checks on the DiMaggio restaurant, in which he owns a share.

Harold Newhouser, Detroit star left-handed pitcher, is another who rests, and that too was the program for Larry Doby, fleet Negro outfielder for the world champion Indians.

Many other players have winter-time jobs, but it is questionable how well these jobs keep them in condition.

Stan Rojek, infield star of the Pittsburgh Pirates, delivers milk for the Rojek Dairy.

N. Y., owned by his father, and Bobby Doerr of the Boston Red Sox works on a milk farm which he owns at Eugene, Ore.

Gene Bearden, world series pitching star for the Indians, is playing baseball for the movies as he works as an actor in "The Monte Stratton Story."

WANTS MOVIE JOB

Bearden, tall and handsome, would like to have a regular movie job after his baseball career ends.

Bill Salkeld, Boston Brave catcher, is in the movies, too, but not in the glamorous acting end. He is a labourer on the sets, a movie "grip."

Tommy Holmes, the Brooklyn boy who made good as a Boston Brave outfielder, owns and works in a television star in Brooklyn and handsome Jack Kramer, Red Sox pitcher, has a part interest in a spaghetti-manufacturing plant.

Glad Gordon of the New York Giants sells cars and haberdashery and the Yankees' Phil Rizzuto and

the Dodgers' Gene Hermanski both are buyers of suits for a sports wear shop.

Of course, all the players—except Musial, DiMaggio, Bearden, Bob Feller and a few others—have another winter occupation, that of worrying about being traded to a second-division team.

Frank Gustine, Pittsburgh infield star, was traded to the last place Chicago Cubs in December, but took the change philosophically. "It's part of baseball," a player must expect it," he said.

AVAILABLE FOR SALE

New manager Casey Stengel of the Yankees said that every Yankee except DiMaggio and Tom Iverski would be available for sale for trade.

The Braves, despite their pennant, were active in the market, trying to make a deal, and even the world champion Indians were offering their baseman Ken Keltner as trade-bait, since they feel that rookie Al Rosen will be a better third baseman next season.—United Press.

Training Times

Good times were returned by Shun Lee, Greenback, Shun Fung, Highlight, Sparkling Star and Home Builder during their training gallops in preparation for the Annual Race Meeting which opens on Saturday.

A large number of ponies were out at the Valley on Tuesday and yesterday, and the times taken were:

TUESDAY

New Ponies

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SOVIET POLITBURO WANTS WORLD DOMINATION

Engaged In Ruthless Campaign

Detroit, Jan. 12.—The ECA Administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman, said today that the Russian Politburo is using its best efforts to achieve world domination. He said that his observations during his recent around the world trip give him the absolute conviction that this is the primary goal of the Soviet policy and a "drive is being waged with an intensity and determination that makes Hitler's efforts seem amateurish."

Mr. Hoffman's statement, which was one of the strongest condemnations of Russia by a responsible United States official, was made in an address prepared for delivery before the Society of Automotive Engineers here. He opined that "the United States people, despite recent revelations of the Communist activity at home and abroad, are still unaware of what is happening and of the seriousness of danger that threatens them and the entire world. He described the Russian campaign as "ruthless."

He said that "one of the dreams" of the Soviet Union "is to establish world dictatorship by promoting satellite police states dominated by the Kremlin." He listed the Soviet successes since V-J Day and opined that Generalissimo Josef Stalin has "every right to be well pleased with the results."

BASIC ERROR

He noted that in addition to taking over several European countries, the Kremlin is so close to taking over all of China that the situation is most serious. He said the basic error of the Chinese government in its fight against the Reds "was to believe that Communism can be beaten by bullets alone."

Mr. Hoffman said that most of the Chinese leaders efforts have been exclusively military and "apparently most of the provincial leaders believed that all their energies and resources should be concentrated in an effort to stop Communism with bullets. They did little or nothing to improve the lot of the people or make them feel a part of the government. The tragic consequences of following this concept are all too evident."

But he singled out Marshal Yen Shih-shan of Shensi province as one military leader who "has seen the picture in its true perspective." He recalled that Marshal Yen authored a pamphlet entitled "Ways and Means to Cope with the Communists," which emphasized that battles cannot be won unless morale on the home front is good.

Mr. Hoffman quoted several passages from Marshal Yen's pamphlet, including those advocating the abolition of class distinctions, formation of people's discussion groups to discuss government objectives, economic equality through ration system guaranteeing food to the rich and poor alike, and a soldier and farmer programme of agrarian reform, plus fairness in military recruitment policies.

On the European front, Mr. Hoffman described the recovery picture as "fairly optimistic" for the coming year. He said, "The tide of Communism is ebbing in Europe wherever the Marshall Plan has gone."—United Press.

KING TO HOLD INVESTITURE

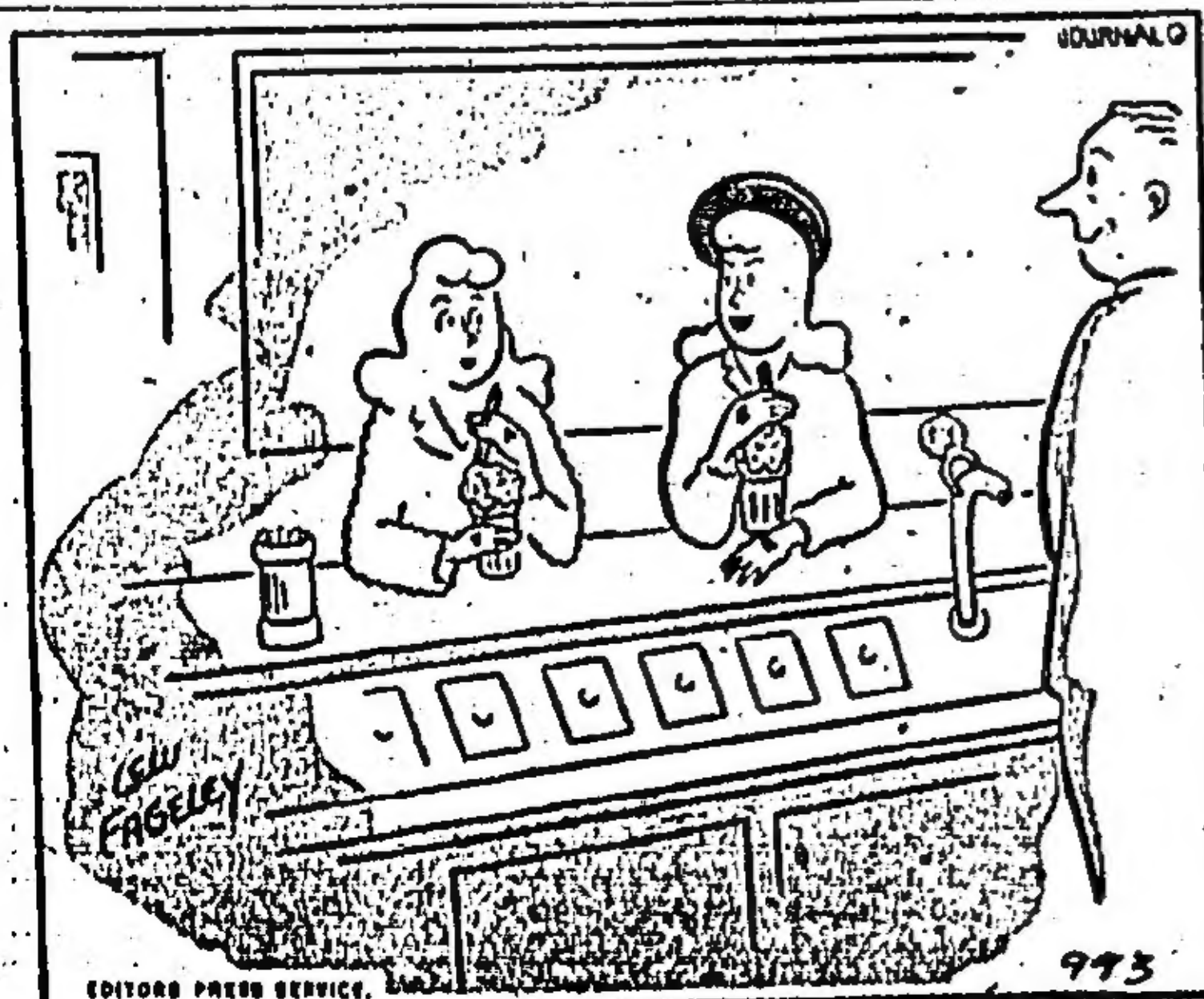
London, Jan. 12.—King George VI will hold an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, March 1. It was officially announced tonight. This will be the first major function which the King has held since his illness was announced last November 22.

It is understood that special arrangements will be made to enable the King to sit while conferring the honours and decorations, because the strain of standing up for two hours or longer would be too much in the opinion of his doctors.

According to Palace circles, the fact that the King's doctors are permitting him to undertake this duty should not be interpreted as indicating that his recovery is complete or that he will undertake any public engagements outside the Palace before the summer at the earliest.—Reuter.

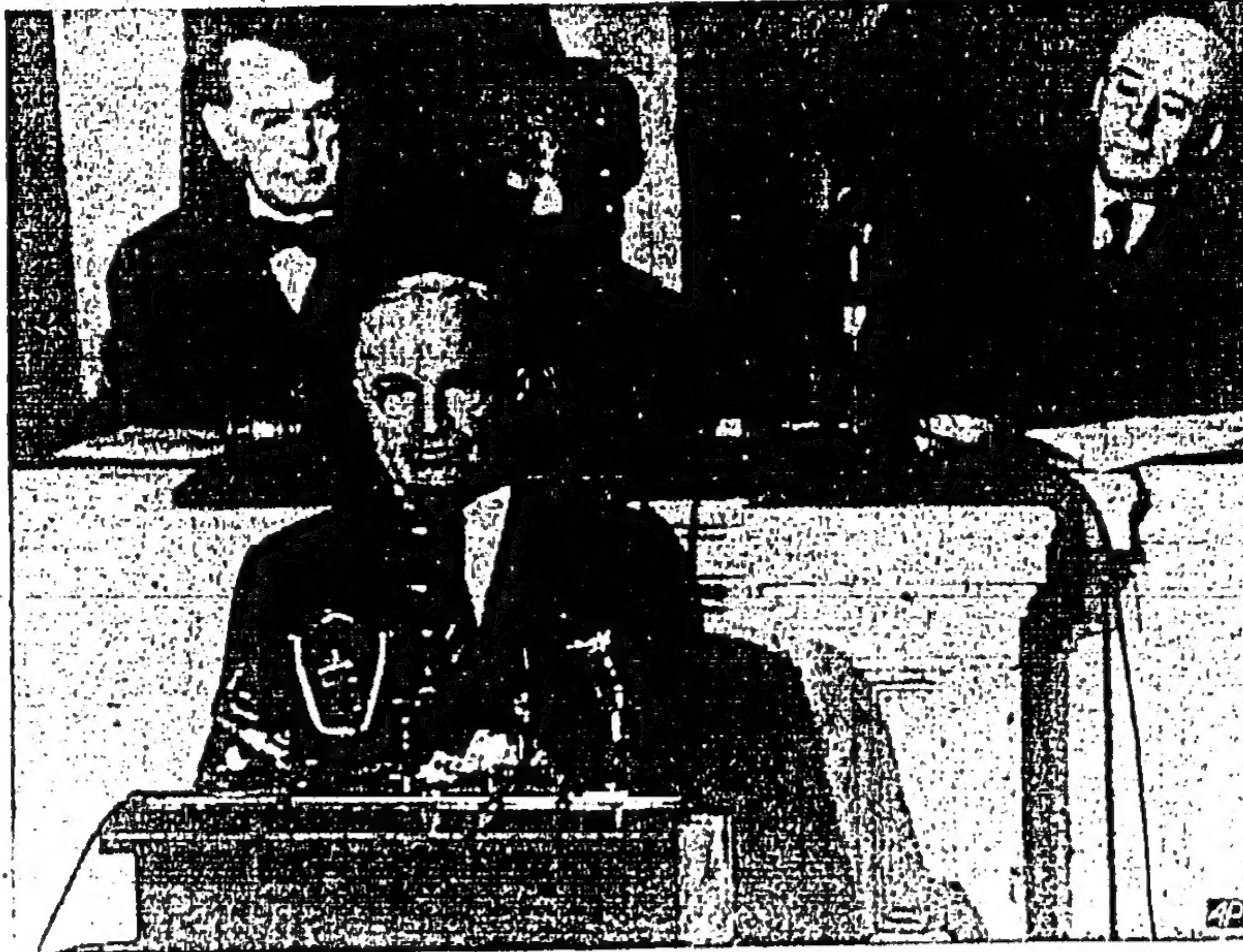
MAIDEN VOYAGE

Liverpool, Jan. 12.—The new 7,593-ton cargo vessel, City of Oxford, left the Mersey last night for her maiden voyage to the East. She is the first of ten new vessels of the same class to be completed for the Ellerman Lines.—Reuter.



"The only trouble about living with your in-laws is that you can't have a decent quarrel with your husband!"

Message To Congress



President Truman places his "re-deal" programme before a joint session of Congress in Washington. Seated behind him are Senate President (pro tem) Kenneth McKellar (left) and House Speaker Sam Rayburn. The President asked for \$4,000,000,000 of new taxes and a vast extension of government in social and economic fields.—AP Picture.

Can't Avoid The Use Of Atomic Weapons

New York, Jan. 12.—No scheme for world control of atomic energy and not even the Western Powers' blueprint approved by the United Nations can prevent the use of atomic weapons in a "long drawn-out war," according to America's member of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, Frederick Osborn, today.

Mr. Osborn said that it was a "fallacy" to believe that even proposals devised by the United States and endorsed by 46 of the 58 United Nations countries could keep nations from using "every effective weapon of war available to them when backed against the wall in a new war." He said in a speech prepared for delivery at New York University that it also was a fallacy to believe that the United Nations atomic plan was a step toward a world government in any form.

THE ONLY FORMULA
He said, "It is a plan for co-operation among national states, not for coercion from supra-national authority."

Mr. Osborn, again attacking Russia's refusal to accept the majority plan for atomic control, said that the much embellished American plan was the only possible formula for providing a degree of atomic safety. But he said that even that would not block the use of atom bombs when any nation possessing atomic facilities on its own soil felt that the chips were down.

Mr. Osborn said the merit of the majority plan was that it would eliminate the chances of any nation "gaining immense initial advantage" in atomic armament by placing facilities for nuclear energy in the hands of the proposed international atomic control authority. While this would not be enough to keep a nation from seizing control from the international authority, Mr. Osborn said it would guarantee that prior to the outbreak of war the nation on whose land such facilities are situated would not be able to use them to stockpile atomic weapons.

PERIOD OF GRACE

Mr. Osborn added that the control machinery endorsed by the West and scorned by Russia would provide for a "period of grace which may make possible a settlement before atomic bombs came into use," and would sprinkle atomic facilities around the world so that the possibility of erecting atomic weapons would "not be exclusively in the hands of any one nation or group of nations."

Mr. Osborn assailed "the most vocal exponents of world government in this country" who, he said, use the necessities of atomic control "as one of their arguments" for a world government.

Of Russia's refusal to join the majority, Mr. Osborn said, "It is not wholly impossible to believe, although the present prospects are dim, that the Soviet Union may some time desire to co-operate with the rest of the world."—United Press.

New Grand Mufti

Amman, Jan. 12.—Sheikh Husam Eddin Jarallah was today named Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and President of the Moslem Supreme Council by King Abdullah, to succeed Haj Amin el Husseini.—United Press.

Sweden

Recalls Envoys

Scandinavian Defence Discussions

Stockholm, Jan. 12.—Sweden, in a last-minute bid to salvage the proposed joint Scandinavian defence agreement, has recalled for consultations to Stockholm her Ambassadors in Washington, London, Paris and Moscow, it was learned today.

The move followed feelers from Washington to Norway and Denmark but not Sweden on their attitude to a possible formal invitation to join the proposed North Atlantic Pact. During the private meeting of the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of the three Scandinavian countries in Kriststad, Sweden, last week, the Norwegians said they were willing to join the Atlantic Pact, in which the United States and Canada will be associated with the five Western Union nations. The Danes were hesitant about committing themselves but inclined to follow the Norwegians. The Swedes were firmly determined to maintain their traditional neutrality outside all international alliances.

SEEKS COMPROMISE

Sweden's object in consulting her Ambassadors to the "Big Four" capitals is to evolve some compromise formula which would permit Norway and Denmark to seek their security with the Western powers without committing Sweden too far.

If this consultation does not produce a formula, the Ambassadors will try to smooth out the differences between the three Scandinavian countries at a new meeting with the three Prime Ministers and their Cabinet colleagues on January 22 in Copenhagen.

Informed observers here believe that the cleavage between Norway and Sweden on the objectives of the proposed Scandinavian bloc is too wide to be closed.

At the end of the Copenhagen meeting, these observers predict, each country will go its own way—Norway to the North Atlantic Alliance and Sweden to neutrality. The Swedish, Norwegian and Danish defence chiefs met again in Oslo today and their talks are likely to continue tomorrow. The Committee, appointed last October by the three Defence Ministers, was to be discussing standardization of arms and joint strategy in the event of an attack.—Reuter.

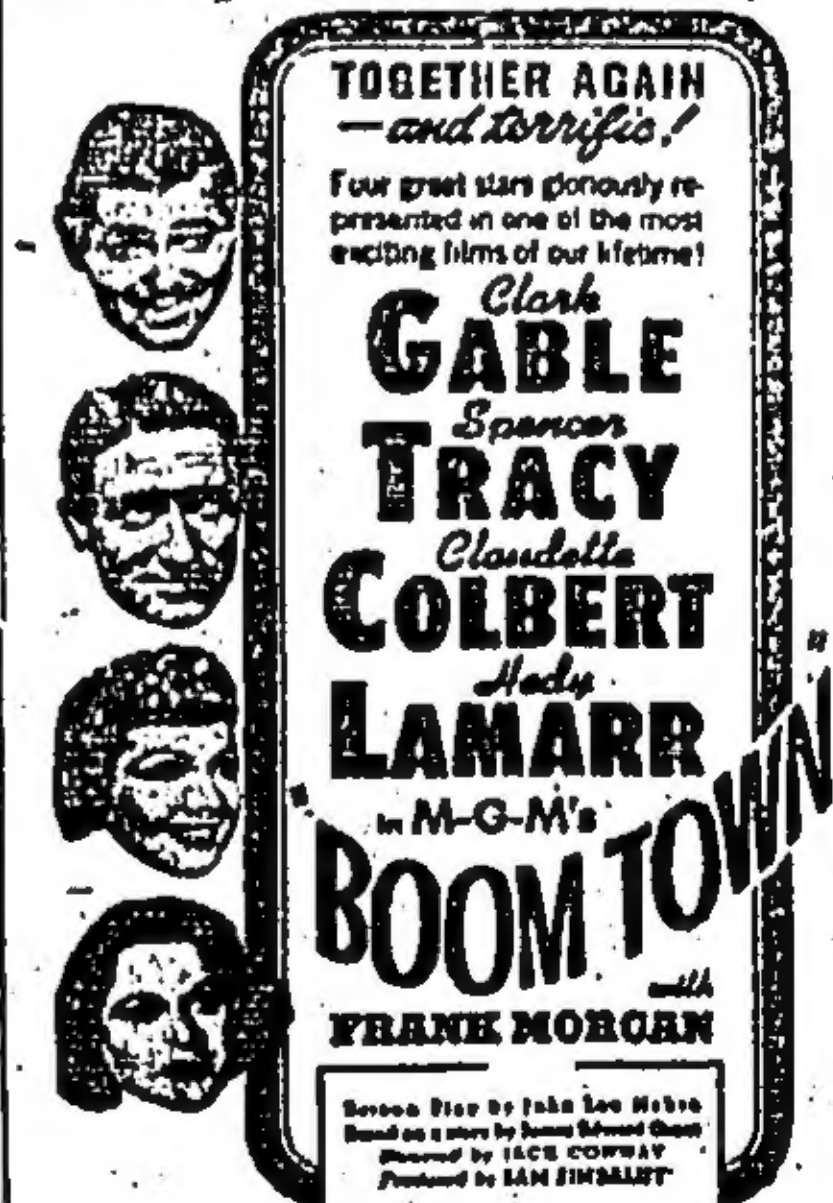
AIR RATES CUT

Washington, Jan. 12.—The Pan American Airways today announced a cut of 25 percent or \$33 in its normal one-way fare from New York to San Juan, effective March 1. It said this would bring the fare down to \$100.

The announcement said that at the same time the round trip fare for regular flights will drop from \$230.40 to \$180, or a reduction of \$50.40.—United Press.

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INDONESIA A WORLD TEST TUBE

Strong Action By Security Council Essential

Washington, Jan. 12.—Far Eastern observers believe that strong action by the Security Council on the Indonesian problem will profoundly affect the forthcoming conference at New Delhi.

The observers said today that if the Council action demonstrates the big powers truly support the Indonesians it would militate against the formation of an anti-white bloc. They said on the attitude of the Western powers would largely depend whether or not a serious rift develops between the "white" West and the "brown and yellow" East.

Indonesia has become a world test tube in which Orientals will gauge the genuineness of Western intentions, these observers said. They believe that strong Security Council action against the Dutch before the conference opens would soften the rancour of many delegates and enable the conference to explore possibilities of future co-operation along other lines than the Indonesian issue.

However, the observers said, if the United States, Britain and France, in effect, side with the Dutch by default or agreement on positive action, then the long-term consequences may be grave. Should that happen, one Far Eastern source said, a racial East-West split would be precipitated by the Western powers.

MAY BE GUIDE
United States awareness that Eastern eyes are focused on the Indonesian stand was believed to be reflected in the strong words spoken yesterday at Lake Success by the United States Security Council delegate, Mr. Philip C. Jessup. Far Eastern sources here said if Mr. Jessup's words are followed by United States action then the delegates to the New Delhi conference may be guided accordingly.

Mr. Jessup conferred here yesterday with Mr. H. Merle Cochran, American member of the United Nations Good Office Committee, who was recalled from Java as consequence of the Dutch police action. Mr. Cochran refused to discuss his mission in any way.

However, observers concluded Mr. Jessup's words in the Security Council must have been decided after the State Department heard Mr. Cochran's report of the Indonesian situation.

An informed source said the New Delhi conference was first suggested to Pandit Nehru, Indian Premier, by the Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu.

State Department sources said as far as was known the United States will not be represented at the conference, even by an unofficial observer, because the United States was not invited to attend.

PROPOSED BILL

Meanwhile, as United States official sentiments on the Indonesian question were voiced by Mr. Jessup another indication of American opinion came in the House of Representatives. Congressman Emanuel Celler introduced a bill to "authorize the admission into the United States of persons of races indigenous to Russia to make them racially eligible for naturalization and for other purposes."

The bill would establish a separate quota for Indonesians which would allow immigration on an annual basis similar to nationals of other countries. Also eligible under the proposed bill would be persons "as much as one-half of the blood of the race indigenous to Indonesia."—United Press.

GMT CHALLENGED

London, Jan. 12.—The Western world does not have as accurate time as that in Russia, Radio Moscow claimed today.

The broadcast said the Russians' time measurement is accurate to 0.006 seconds. It pointed out that this compares with 0.008 in Britain, 0.009 in Washington and 0.017 in France.—United Press.

Gun-Running Charges

AGAINST DIRECTOR AND COMPANY

London, Jan. 12.—A London aircraft company and its Australian Director were charged with gun-running in France at a London police court today.

The charges alleged that a Lancaster aircraft, owned by the Aeronautical and Industrial Research Corporation, carried 17 cases containing 20 millimetre anti-aircraft guns with ammunition at Dale Mulehouse, France, about May 11 last year.

The Managing Director, Mr. Frederick Cotton, 51-year-old pioneer airman, was alleged to have aided and abetted in the offence.

The summonses were adjourned indefinitely.

Counsel for the defence said that Mr. Cotton had flown back specially from the East to hear the summonses, but on legal advice was not appearing personally.

In the opinion of the defence there was a complete answer to the charges. There had been a certain amount of publicity, but Mr. Cotton was not ashamed of anything that he had done.—Reuter.

250,000 WANT BRITISH CARS

Freemantle, Jan. 12.—Viscount Nuffield, Chairman of the Morris Motors, said today that his organization had more than 250,000 British applicants waiting for cars. In Britain, he added, only 25 percent of cars produced were allowed to be sold on the market and by the time that priority holders were satisfied, he doubted whether other citizens got more than 10 percent of the allocation.

Lord Nuffield arrived here today for a trade tour of Australia and New Zealand. He has already visited South Africa.—Reuter.

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